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Paid-up Capital	£2,437,500
II—Fire Funds	3,837,047
III—Life & Annuity Funds	17,567,590
Sinking Fund Account	128,230
	£23,970,367
Revenue Fire Branch	£2,381,456
Life and Annuity Branches	2,141,593
Revenue Marine Department	337,239
Other Receipts	478,940
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12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m....Every 10 minutes
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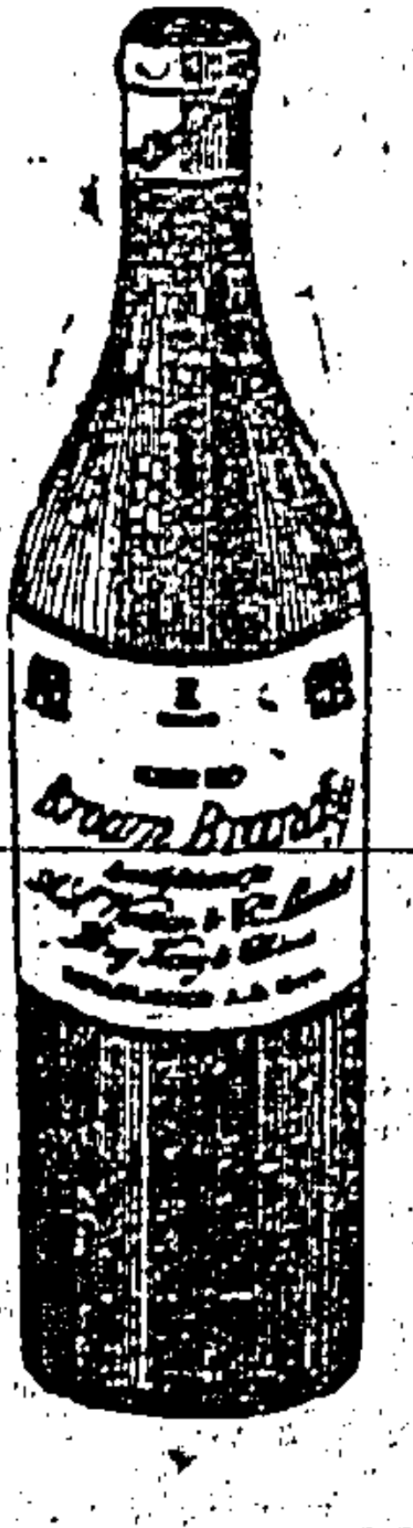

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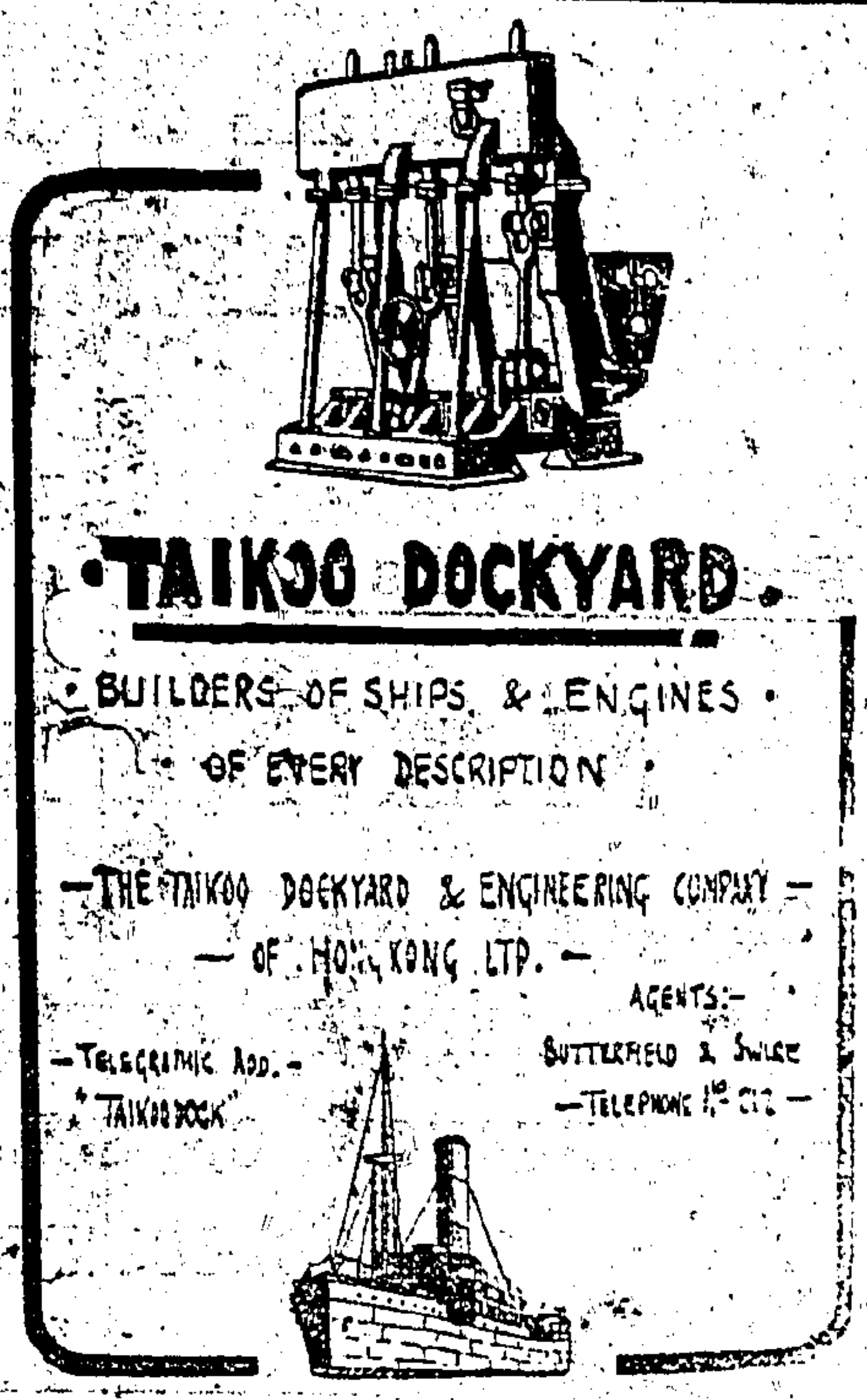

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BRITISH OFFICIAL REPORTS.

BRITISH LINES INTACT.

VERY SEVERE ENEMY CASUALTIES.

LONDON, April 14.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

We repulsed, after heavy fighting throughout the evening, attacks from Meteren to Wulverghem and also repulsed a fourth attack at Neuve Eglise.

We beat off, last evening, a determined attack near Festubert on this portion of the battle-front and north-westward as far as Locon.

Numerous enemy troops were effectively engaged at short range by infantry and artillery fire.

Despite numerous strong attacks in all parts of the Lys battle-front, our line remains intact.

The enemy's losses were very severe throughout yesterday.

Fighting re-opened last evening at Neuve Eglise, and the enemy re-commenced his attacks in the neighbourhood of Bailleul this morning, which continue.

WARFARE IN THE AIR.

A SUCCESSFUL DAY.

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Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, reporting on aviation, says:—

Atmospheric conditions were favourable for aviation yesterday, for a great concentration of our aeroplanes on the battle-front.

Large numbers of low-flyers were employed in bombing and machine-gunning roads packed with enemy troops, 36 tons of bombs being dropped and over 110,000 rounds of ammunition being fired by us.

Other formations flying at a greater height engaged the enemy's aeroplanes which were extremely active in this sector. Other machines reconnoitred the battle-area, bringing back information of the positions of our own and the enemy's troops.

Forty hostile aeroplanes were brought down and 20 driven down out of control.

In addition two were shot down by anti-aircraft machines and three hostile balloons destroyed. Twelve of ours are missing.

Incessant bombing was carried out throughout the night and over 22 tons of bombs were dropped on different targets, including the Don and Douai railway stations, two important railway junctions between Meziers and Rheims, and the roads leading up to the battle-front in the neighbourhood of Estaires.

BRITISH AVIATORS BOMB OSTEND.

ALLEGED ENEMY CAPTURE OF TORPEDO VESSEL.

LONDON, April 14.

A German official report states:—

British monitors and aeroplanes on the night of the 12th attacked the coast of Flanders, bombarded Ostend, and bombed Zeebrugge. The batteries repulsed the attacks.

An enemy torpedo vessel approached Ostend. She was shot, set on fire and abandoned.

We captured her with her full equipment.

The Admiralty says, in reference to the above, that a small motor-boat is missing. The relatives [illegible] been informed.

FRENCH OFFICIAL REPORTS.

FRENCH TROOPS ON THE OFFENSIVE.

ENEMY PUSHED BACK.

LONDON, April 14.

A French communiqué states:—

There was reciprocal artillery firing north of Montdidier.

The French west of Lassigny attacked in the woods north-west of Orvillers and Sorel on a front of 1,200 yards.

We advanced several hundred yards and took prisoners.

The German "storm troops," attacking in the Noyon sector, were caught by our fire before reaching our lines, and were sanguinarily defeated.

The French aviators were very active, with fine weather on the whole front, in chasing enemy planes. They made 850 trips and fought 120 combats.

Eight enemy planes were felled and 23 fell into their lines damaged.

Five German captive balloons were set on fire.

Our bombing planes, including the Italian planes, dropped 48 tons of projectiles on various stations, cantonments and convoys. Several fires and explosions were observed.

ENEMY LINES PENETRATED.

LONDON, April 14, 4.35 p.m.

A French communiqué states:—

There were fairly lively artillery actions between Montdidier and Noyon. Our reconnoitring parties here brought back prisoners.

We penetrated the enemy lines north of St. Michiel and the Embermesnil and Bures sectors in Lorraine, and took prisoners.

German coups-de-main north of Hill 304 in the region of St. Michiel, Woevre and Bonhomme Hill were repulsed.

ALLIED REINFORCEMENTS BROUGHT UP.

PARIS, April 14.

A semi-official report, issued this evening, states:—

The battle in Flanders continues to rage very violently, but to-day shows a very definite slowing down in the enemy's advance, which, henceforth, it should be possible to hold back as Allied reinforcements are ready to be brought up and put into the battle-line.

The German advance southward of Methrem outflanks Bailleul which, however, the Allies still hold.

The Germans continue to attack on the whole French front with a view to keeping our reserves from the principal battle area, but in this they have failed, for the French troops occupying the sectors concerned are sufficient to repel all enemy efforts.

The great mass of our reserves is intact and at the disposal of the General Command.

BOMBARDMENT OF PARIS.

THE FIRST NIGHT ATTACK.

PARIS, April 14.

The long-range bombardment continued yesterday, but there were no casualties.

It was resumed late last night.

For the first time Paris was bombarded at night.

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INTIMATIONS

THE DAIRY FARM CO., LTD.

APPLICATION has been made to the Directors of this Company to issue to WALTER DOUGLAS GRAHAM of Hongkong (deceased) a Duplicate Certificate of Sixty Shares in the Company or other Certificate or Certificates in lieu thereof upon the statement that the Original Certificate No. 1909 for shares numbered 28775/28834 and dated 11th January, 1909, has been LOST or DESTROYED. AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that if within 30 days from the date hereof no claims or representation in respect of such Original Certificate is made to the Directors they will proceed to deal with such application for a Certificate.

M. MANUK,
Secretary.

Dated 4th day of April, 1918. [298

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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Messrs. Moxon and Taylor's weekly share report, dated 12th April, states:—

Since the date of our last circular the market has more or less been engaged in marking time, a very small business having been transacted, with the exception, of Shanghai stocks, which have shown activity.

The influence of the March Settlement is still being felt in the market, which accounts more or less for the stagnant state of affairs.

BANKS.—Hongkong Banks have come to business at $690 to a small extent.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Cantons at $320, North Chinas at Tls. 120, Yangtszes at $217½, and Unions at $80 are all unchanged from last week, with a small business done in Unions at the quoted rate.

FIRE INSURANCES.—China Fires at $133 and Hongkong Fires at $303 could be placed.

SHIPPING.—Douglases are wanted at $74. This Company advertises an interim dividend of $4 per share, payable on the 18th inst. Steamboats have further advanced and have been dealt in as high as $23 for cash. Preferred Indos are still wanted at $32½ and Deferred Indos are offering at $150 with rumours of business being done at considerably lower rates. Star Ferries continue to offer at $25 and Shells could be placed at 120/-.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have changed hands at $80 and $81. Malabons are wanted at $29½.

OILS AND MINING—Kailans at 40/-, Tronohs at 32/- and Langkats at Tls. 16½ are all quiet at quotations, whilst Raubs are on offer at $2.85 and Urals have sellers at 10/- and buyers at 15/-.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Kowloon Wharves after business at $85 are now quoted sellers at $84. Hongkong Docks have been dealt in as high as $122 and as low as $120, the closing rate being $119. Shanghai Docks have further advanced to a buying rate of Tls. 108½ for cash.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Centrals at $90, Hongkong Hotels at $87, and Hongkong Lands at $85 are all wanted at quotations. Kowloon Lands at $27½ and West Points at $78 are quiet with nothing doing. Humphreys continue to have small buyers at $6½.

COTTON MILLS.—The following are the latest rates from Shanghai:—Ewos Tls. 180, Shanghai Cottons Tls. 140, Kung Yiks Tls. 16, Yangtszepoos Tls. 9.40, Orientals Tls. 45½.

ELECTRIC COMPANIES.—Hongkong Electrics are wanted at $49 and Hongkong Trams have come to business at $6.10. China Lights have also been dealt in at $4.15.

MISCELLANEOUS.—China Borneos could be placed at $9. Dairy Farms are offering at $29 and Ropes at $26½. Waterboats have come to business at $11 and Cements at $6.90. Providents are wanted at $7.10. Ices could be placed at $215. Wm. Powells have advanced to a buying rate of $8 with shares offering.

EXCHANGE.—The demand rate on London is 3 1 ¼ and the T.T. selling rate on Shanghai is 69.

THE CONSULAR SERVICE.

THE NEED FOR REFORM.

Our Consular service has for many years been the favourite topic of criticism both with the Press and general public, says a trade journal. Chambers of Commerce for at least 20 years past have carried resolutions condemning it root and branch, and this criticism has been followed by that of other trade bodies. It is doubtful whether full justice has been done to a service the officers of which have not only laboured under great difficulties, but have been expected to be not only jacks-of-all-trades, but also master of the particular one in which the critic is interested. Furthermore, any person doing a foreign trade or even travelling in pursuit of pleasure becomes a self-constituted critic and a suggestor of improvements.

In 1440 arbiters were appointed in Spanish and Italian ports to settle disputes between English merchants, and to regulate shipping, but as England gradually became the workshop of the world she had need of only a comparatively few business representatives abroad, with the results that no homogeneous body was existing until the arrangements were consolidated under the Consular Act of 1825. Since that date Royal Commissions have sat to consider and report but then, as now, the service was financially starved, and bad pay means bad service. During all the time it has suffered from want of organisation and control. Commissions sat in 1835, 1858 and 1872 and an investigation took place in 1912, but up to the outbreak of war in 1914 few changes had been made. On the one hand, the service can hardly be absolutely separated from the Foreign Office, owing to its international character and duties, while on the other hand, the trade duties which it performs bring it more directly in relation to the Board of Trade, in fact, their dealings with the mercantile marine are supervised by the Board of Trade, which edits and publishes their commercial reports.

The call for a change has for a long time been urgent, and it is gratifying to note that this plan is to be replaced in certain centres by the sounder one of training systematically and methodically the younger members of the Consular Service in commercial organisation, and business matters (vide White Paper Cd. 8715.)

It has, however, been urged that the whole service should be merged into the diplomatic body, and that both services should be placed directly under the control of the Embassies or Legations. This would probably, almost certainly, entail a large increase in the cost—it is estimated that the present cost would be trebled, say, £1,000,000, but this would be a small charge on the trade of the United Kingdom and would give adequate treatment of salaries, outfit, local and transfer allowances, suitable dwellings and proper office accommodation. The new plan only goes a part of the way, and, in the opinion of many who are well acquainted with the question and are qualified to judge, will not for a long time automatically remove the less capable and desirable members of the Consular Service which should be as efficient and energetic as other branches of the Public Service.

One of our leading bankers (Sir Herbert Hambling) said recently: "Our consular system in the past has never provided for the banker, manufacturer, or merchant any service that could, by the boldest flight of imagination, be called efficient. The information which it puts before us is not to be compared with that gathered and set out by the consular service of our chief competitors." It is very pleasing to know that the Board of Trade and Foreign Office are taking steps to improve the service. Sir Albert Stanley, in his "Foreward" to the current number of the "Board of Trade Journal," which is being issued this year in a new form and under a new editor, is evidently laying out himself and his office to assist in the gigantic task of re-establishing and increasing our trade and industries after the war.

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SUNDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE IRISH CONVENTION'S REPORT.

THE CHAIRMAN'S LETTER.

LONDON, April 11.

The Irish Convention report is issued. The majority has favoured a Constitution consisting of a Senate with 64 Members of the House of Commons and 200 Nationalists, guaranteeing the Unionists a 40 per cent. membership, the Members of the House of Commons to be appointed by nomination if necessary. The Ulsterites have rejected nomination as regards Ulster. The Convention is split on the fiscal issue. The Ulsterites and Southern Unionists insisted that full control of finance be left with the Imperial Parliament. The Ulster Minority report desires the exclusion of the entire province from Home Rule.

The Irish Convention has issued a covering letter by the chairman, Sir Horace Plunkett, to Mr. Lloyd George, which summarises the main points. He says that while it was found impossible to overcome the objections of the Ulster Unionists the following parties were agreed that the scheme of self-government should be passed, namely, by a majority of Nationalists, all Southern Unionists and five out of seven Labourites. The Minority Nationalist scheme differed only in one particular—from the Majority, and, therefore, the Convention had laid the foundation of an Irish agreement unprecedented in history.

Sir Horace proceeds: The Convention explored every possibility of agreement, and after eight months decided to issue a report which should be a mere narrative of the Convention's proceedings. This report was adopted by the Majority, but there was no Majority report in the sense of a reasoned statement in favour of conclusions in which the Majority agreed. However, Ulster Unionists and Minority Nationalists presented a Minority report, the result of which was to minimise the agreement reached and emphasise disagreement.

There were, he continues, two possible issues to the deliberations. If a scheme of self-government could be framed to which Ulster Unionists would give adherence, then the Convention might produce a unanimous report. Failing this, it was felt that the Convention might secure some agreement, either complete or substantial, between the Nationalists, Southern Unionists and Labourites. However, a portion of Ulster claimed that if Ireland had a right to separate itself from the United Kingdom, Ulster had a right to separate itself from the rest of Ireland, but no other section of the Convention would accept even a temporary partition. Hence, the Ulster Unionist members of the Convention remained there only in the hope that some form of Home Rule would be proposed which might modify the determination of those they represented to have neither part nor lot in an Irish Parliament. The Nationalists strove to win them by concessions, but they found themselves unable to accept any of the schemes discussed and the only scheme of Irish Government they presented to the Convention was confined to the exclusion of their entire Province. The two great difficulties were Ulster and the Customs. The latter became a vital question.

Sir Horace Plunkett continues to say that the tendency of recent political thought among the Constitutional Nationalists has been towards a form of Government resembling as closely as possible that of the Dominions, and since the geographical position of Ireland imposes obvious restrictions in respect to naval and military affairs the claim for Dominion Home Rule was concentrated upon a demand for unrestricted fiscal powers. Without separate Customs and Excise Ireland would, according to this view, fail to attain national status like the Dominions.

Upon this issue the Nationalists made strong cases. They proved that a considerable number of leading commercial men now favoured fiscal autonomy as a part of the Irish settlement. In the present state of public opinion in Ireland it was feared that without Customs no scheme the Convention recommended would receive sufficient popular support. To obviate any serious disturbance of the trade of the United Kingdom they were prepared to agree to a Free Trade arrangement between the two countries, but this did not overcome the difficulties of the Southern Unionists, who agreed with the Ulster Unionists on this point.

They were apprehensive that a separate system of Customs control, however guarded, might impair the authority of the United Kingdom over its external trade policy. Neither could they consent to any settlement which was in their judgment incompatible with Ireland's full participation in the scheme of the United Kingdom Federation, should that come to pass. Sir Horace proceeds to refer to a series of resolutions passed regarding self-government.

LONDON, April 12.

The *Manchester Guardian* understands that the House of Lords Reform Conference had approved of the proposals whereby the Second Chamber should consist of three sections, respectively nominated by the Peers, the House of Commons and the County-Councils, and also an elected section.

THE IRISH CONVENTION'S LABOURS.

"THE MOST COMPLEX POLITICAL SITUATION IN HISTORY AND FICTION."

LONDON, April 12.

The following is the final text of the covering letter of Sir Horace Plunkett, the Chairman of the Irish Convention to Mr. Lloyd George, and issued by the Irish Convention:—

The scheme provides, continues Sir Horace, for the establishment of a Parliament for the whole of Ireland with a responsible Executive and with full powers over all internal legislation, administration and direct taxation. Pending a decision on the fiscal question, it was provided that the imposition of Customs and Excise duties should remain with the Imperial Parliament, but that the whole of the proceeds of these duties be paid into the Irish Exchequer. An Irish Exchequer Board should be appointed to determine the true Irish revenue, and Ireland should be represented upon the Board of Customs and Excise of the United Kingdom.

The principle of representation in the Imperial Parliament was insisted upon by the Southern Unionists. The Nationalists conceded it. It was felt, however, that there were strong reasons for providing that the Irish representatives at Westminster should be elected by the Irish Parliament rather than directly by Constituencies. This was adopted.

It was accepted, in principle, that Ireland should contribute to the cost of the Imperial services but, owing to the lack of data, it was impossible to find the definite sum.

It was agreed that the Irish Parliament should consist of a Senate of 64 Members and the House of Commons of 200. The principle underlying the composition of the Senate is the representation of interests, namely, commerce, industry, labour, County Councils, churches, learned institutions and the Peerage.

The Nationalists offered to guarantee 40 per cent. membership to the House of Commons to the Unionists. It was agreed that in the South adequate representations for the Unionists could only be secured by nomination, but, as the Ulster representatives informed the Convention, those for whom they spoke could not accept the principle of nomination. A provision was made in the scheme for extra representation of Ulster by direct election.

The majority of the Labourites associated themselves with the Nationalists and Southern Unionists in building up the Constitution, with the provisions of which they found themselves in general agreement. They frankly objected, however, to the principle of nomination and to what they regarded as the inadequate representation of Labour in the Senate.

Sir Horace Plunkett concludes: "While technically it was our function to draft a Constitution for the country, it would be more correct to say that we had to find a way out of the most complex and anomalous political situation in history, and, we might almost say, in fiction. We are living under a system of Government which survives only because the Act abolishing it cannot, consistently with Ministerial pledges, be put into operation without further legislation, no less difficult and controversial than that which it has to amend. While the responsibility for the solution of our problem rests primarily with the Government, the Convention found itself in full accord with your insistence that a very hopeful path to the settlement was in an Irish agreement. In attempting to find a compromise which Ireland might accept and Parliament passed into law, it has been recognised that the full programme of no Party could be adopted. The Convention was also bound to give due weight to your opinion that to press for a settlement at Westminister during the war, of the financial question, would imperil the the prospect of an early establishment of self-Government.

Notwithstanding the difficulties with which we are surrounded a larger measure of agreement has been reached upon the principle and details of Irish self-government than has ever yet been attained."

In the course of a conversation with Pressmen, Sir Horace Plunkett said that the most he had hoped for was a substantial agreement and not unanimity. The Convention had abolished the Irish question outside Ulster, and later the situation would he so changed that it would be much easier to negotiate with Ulster.

The Convention had not been dissolved, but only adjourned *sine die*. The partition of Ireland would be no settlement. It would be better to wait than to start Home Rule with a partition of strength.

The Ulster opposition was mainly on religious grounds. Various constitutions in the Dominions were discussed, but the circumstances of Ireland, Sir Horace said, were peculiar. For example, 95 per cent. of Ireland's business was done through England.

PRESS COMMENTS ON THE IRISH SITUATION.

LONDON, April 13.

In commenting on the Irish situation, the *Daily News* and the *Daily Chronicle* deplore the Government's attitude towards conscription.

The *Morning Post* states the nation is asked to betray Ulster to placate Sinnfein.

The *Daily Telegraph* and the *Times* emphasise the responsibility of the Government to find a settlement in fulfilment of the Premier's pledge of February 25th. The former says it is futile to conceal the Convention's failure, though in some developments of opinion it at least pointed the way to a brighter future.

The *Times* states the Convention revealed the existence of a nucleus of moderate opinion prepared to work for concrete settlement.

The *Times'* Lobby correspondent says the atmosphere in the House of Commons yesterday was more promising than at any time since the Government proposals were announced. The new German drive has sobered the Nationalists. The Government is undoubtedly assured of general sympathy and goodwill in its attempt to effect a solution.

"IRELAND BOUND BY DUTY AND HONOUR TO CONTRIBUTE."

LONDON, April 13.

A statement by the Ulster Council issued last evening, says the unheard of demands submitted by the Convention could only tend to an ultimate separation, and declares that the Sinnfein victories at the by-elections prove that the Nationalist vote is controlled by traitors. "We are asked to hand over the country at a time of grave crisis to a system that, unless restrained by military force, will reduce it to the condition of revolutionary Russia." It concludes that Ireland is now a very prosperous part of the United Kingdom, bound by duty and honour to contribute a share of the cost incurred.

GERMANY'S INHUMAN TREATMENT OF WAR PRISONERS.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF ENQUIRY.

LONDON, April 12.

The report of the Committee, presided over by Mr. Justice Younger, on Enemy Treatment of British War Prisoners on the Western Front, constitutes another tragic record of German brutality and calculated deception. It shows that war prisoners are systematically compelled to engage in work forbidden by the laws of war, close behind the firing line, thereby being deliberately exposed to enemy and Allied gun fire. These inhuman conditions have been continued after the Anglo-German agreement of last year whereby it was agreed that no war prisoners should be employed, in any work, within 30 kilometres of the firing line.

An instance is quoted where one Allied shell killed seven and wounded four war prisoners in Belgium.

The report furnishes appalling evidence concerning the systematic semi-starvation of prisoners, a case is quoted in which a party appealed to a sentry for permission to pick stinging nettles and dandelions to reduce the pangs of hunger. Dirty potato peelings were picked up; a starving Australian was shot for attempting to pick up a piece of bread which Belgian women had left on the roadside for prisoners. They rarely received food parcels from friends owing to the Germans unofficially acknowledging the existence of prisoners in occupied territory. Their existence was often not notified, but if permitted to write, they were compelled to date their letters from false addresses. Several thousands of parcels are known to have been undelivered, notably a case of a party of 77 Newfoundlanders.

The miseries of the prisoners were intensified by inadequacy of accommodation and no supply of clothing. In some cases men were compelled to sleep in a roofless barn where rain poured in but they were compelled to resume work in soaked garments. Another instance is given of 110 being accommodated in an unheated room in mid-winter, 15 by 20 feet, on bare boards without blankets. When utterly worn out the prisoners were sent from the lines to German prison camps in a ragged, verminous condition, half savage with hunger, and bad treatment.

The report shows that the cause of a number of deaths which the German Government admitted, was plainly attributable to starvation and the awful conditions to which prisoners were subjected.

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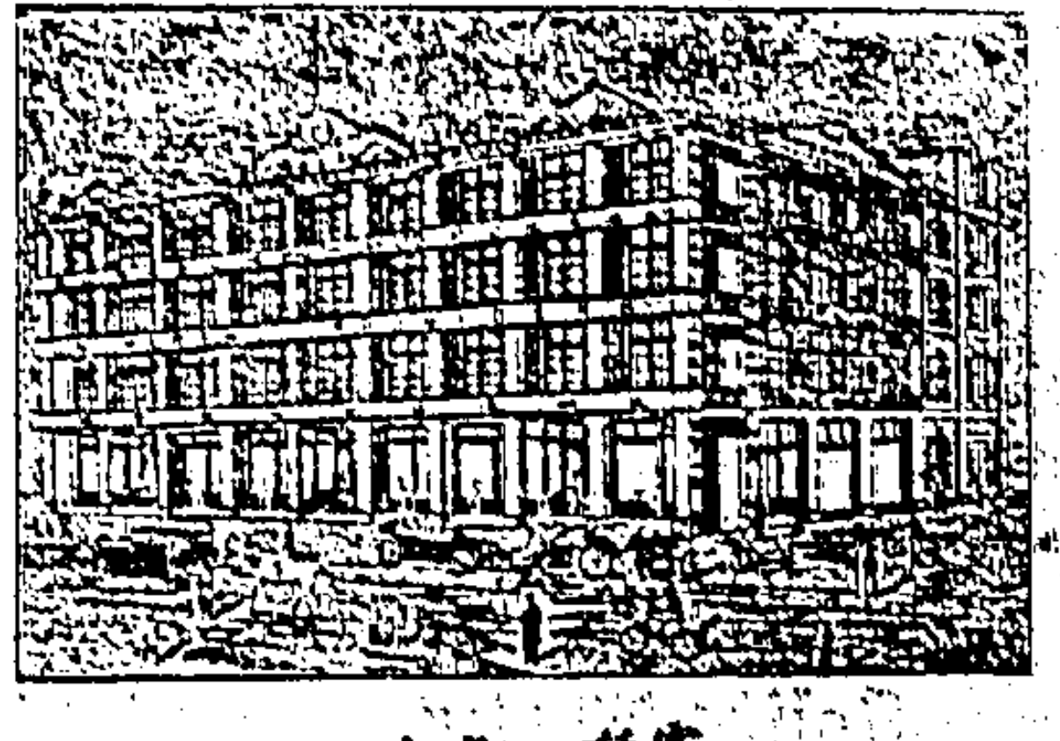

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NOTIFICATION.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that during two months, counting from the date of publication of this Notification in the "Boletim Official," TENDERS for "STUDY OF WATER SUPPLY" in this Colony will be received. The tenders addressed to the Council of Administration of Public Works must be received in this Department within the above-specified time.

The Conditions of the Work are open for inspection in the Portuguese Consulate all week days.

THE ENGINEER DIRECTOR,
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Public Works Department,
Macao, 5th April, 1918. [326

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Pedder Street, Victoria, Hongkong, TO-MORROW, the 16th day of April, 1918, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing as Extrrordinary Resolutions the resolutions following, namely:—

(1) That it is expedient to effect an amalgamation of this Company with the Dairy Farm Company, Limited and that with a view thereto this Company be wound up voluntarily and that Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Limited be and they are hereby appointed Liquidators for the purpose of such winding up.

(2) That the conditional Agreement submitted to the meeting for the amalgamation of this Company with the Dairy Farm Company, Limited upon the terms (*inter alia*) of the acquisition by that Company of the complete undertaking, business, goodwill and property of this Company in return for the issue to this Company of 52,000 Shares of the Dairy Farm Company, Limited of the nominal value of $7.50 each credited as fully paid up (being eight shares of 7.50 cents each of that Company for each share of $25 each of this Company) and of the issue by the Diary Farm Company Limited to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Limited, the General Managers of this Company (upon their entering into restrictive covenants which have been agreed upon and by way of bonus as compensation for their loss of office as General Managers of this Company) of 2,0 0 shares of the Dairy Farm Compand Limited of the nominal value of $7.50 each credited as fully paid up be and the same is hereby approved and that the Liquidators be and they are hereby authorised pursuant to Section 185 of the Companies Ordinance 1911 to adopt the said Agreement and carry the same into effect with such (if any) modification either before or after the execution thereof as the said Liquidators may think expedient.

Should the above Resolutions be passed by the required majority they will be submitted for confirmation to a second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the 28th day of March, 1918.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD.,
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THE CALENDAR.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

11 a.m. Meeting of Hongkong Ice Co.

Noon.—Auction of Theatre Seats for St. George's Day performance.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture &c. at Hughes & Hough's.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Linens, &c. at Hughes & Hough's.

GENERAL MEMORANDA.

SATURDAY, April 20:—
3 p.m.—Marathon Race.

TUESDAY, April 23:—
St. George's Day Celebrations.

FRIDAY, April 26:—
Hongkong Stock Exchange Settlement Day.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, April 15, 1918.

THE BATTLE IN FLANDERS.

THE latest news of the great battle which is raging over a fifty-mile front in Flanders and France is welcome for the further promise it contains that Germany's supreme effort is destined to fail. There is no longer any doubt about the meaning of the new offensive which the enemy, by reason of the abundance of his forces, was able to begin as soon as he recognised that the first had failed—at all events for the time being. Field-Marshal Sir DOUGLAS HAIG recognises that the enemy's purpose is three-fold—to separate the British and French Armies, to gain the Channel ports and then to destroy the British Army. That the enemy with the great forces he has thrown into the battle has been able as yet to make but little progress towards his goals is eloquent proof of the dogged tenacity and courage with which the British Armies have resisted the advance. The British line remains intact. That it has been pushed back is certainly a disquieting fact, notwithstanding that a terrible price has been exacted for every foot of ground gained. The comparatively short distance which separates the German army from the Channel ports makes any progress whatever towards that goal a matter of grave concern. Field-Marshal Sir DOUGLAS HAIG's Order to his troops stirs the soul of the citizen as well as the soldier. It is an appeal which the soldier will understand and to which we are proudly confident he will respond. "Every position must be held to the last man. There must be no retirement. With our backs to the wall and believing in the justice of our cause, each one of us must fight on to the end, for the safety of our homes and the freedom of mankind depend alike on the conduct of each one of us. After three weeks of defence against fearful odds we can well appreciate the significance of the Field Marshal's remark that "many amongst us are tired"; but magnificently as the British Armies have resisted the German advance during the past three weeks the Commander-in-Chief's clarion call inspires renewed courage and energy. The "men of the bull-dog breed" will never fail their Commander in this, and this knowledge it is which gives us confidence in ultimate truimph. No man can ever tell the full story of the heroic self-sacrifice which is daily offered by thousands of men under the inspiration of the great cause for which they are fighting. Thanks to their indomitable courage and magnificent heroism, the great German tide is arrested for yet from the goals of victory, and while the situation still remains critical the latest news contains indications of improvement which suggest that every day now must make the prospect of the success of the German plans more remote.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The following telegram dated the 12th April, has been received by the Government from H. B. M. Consul, Ningpo:—Quarantine was declared against Hongkong yesterday.

The weekly religious meeting of the Helena May Institute on Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock will be conducted by Mrs. Dewstoe of Canton. The meeting is open to all women.

The Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Co., Ltd., informs us that all telegrams to and from Europe have become subject to indefinite delay, and the public are urged to send, at present, only telegrams of urgent importance.

Mr R. Sutherland, Hon. Treasurer of the dramatic entertaiment given at the City Hall on the 23rd February last by Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Stokes, in aid of the "Mercantile Marine in England and Naval Prisoners of War," has informed the Hon. Mr. Hallifax, Hon. Secretary of the War Charities Association that the nett financial result is $2,678.91 and a cheque for that amount has been forwarded with the intimation that Mr. Stokes will be glad if the War Charities Association will please arrange to divide the amount in question between the above two charities.

THE TOMBOLA.

Many ladies were busy this morning, selling spills for the Tombola, in the principal thoroughfares of the City.

The community has generously responded to the call for gifts for the St. George's Day Tombola and some very valuable gifts have been contributed, and it is hoped that the public will be equally generous in their support in buying spills.

Among the presents received are the following:—Diamond dragon-fly brooch, large diamond bar brooch, turquoise and pearl bracelet, thick solid gold bangle, amethyst pendant, gold chain bag, gold fountain pen, gold links, wristlet watches, quantities of cut glass, innumerable silver articles, two pianos, gramophone, sewing machine, typewriter, clocks, incubators, dozens of pictures, curios and fancy goods and also several hundred War Bonds.

ELECTIONS IN MACAO.

MACAO TO SEND A DEPUTY AND SENATOR TO LISBON.

The Macao *Boletin Oficial*, of April 12 publishes a telegram from the Minister of the Colonies, at Lisbon, to the Governor of Macao, instructing that an election shall take place in Macao, on April 28, for the purpose of returning a Deputy and a Senator for Macao, to the Lisbon Parliament.

This is an innovation, following the principle adopted in America. It is not yet known who the candidates will be but probably in a day or two candidates will appear.

The telegram also instructs the Governor of Macao to take a ballot in Macao in connection with the election of the President of the Portuguese Republic.

So far as can be gathered from the Lisbon journals Dr. Sidonio Paes, the present President and Minister of Foreign Affairs, will be re-elected, but nobody can tell for certain what will be the result. In any case, the Macao vote is not likely to materially influence the result of the election in Portugal, since the number of votes is very small.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending 30th March, 1918 amounted 67,988 tons, and the sales during the period, to 54,248 tons.

BOWEL COMPLAINT IN CHILDREN.

DURING the summer months children are subject to disorders of the bowels and should receive the most careful attention. As soon as any unnatural looseness of the bowels is noticed Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy should be given. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

COMPANY MEETING.

THE DAIRY FARM CO., LTD.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

An extraordinary general meeting of the above Company was held at the Company's Offices, at noon to-day, to consider, and if thought fit, approve the draft of new Articles.

Mr. W. S. Brown presided and there were present the Rev. Father Robert, (Director), Mr. J. Walker, (Manager), and Mr. Manuk, (Secretary), and Messrs. H. Percy Smith, T. Oliphant, A. Stevenson, B. Byers, H. W. Looker, C. Makeham, H. W. Page, A. V. Apcar, Chan Tong, Chan Nai Tan and Chan Pun Kow.

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen, the Notice of the business for which this Extraordinary General Meeting has been convened has just been read out to you by the Secretary. As explained in the covering letter sent out with the printed copy of the Notice, the Company's increasing trade in refrigerated foods and ham and bacon-curing made it necessary for the Company to possess its own Cold Stores; but under present conditions it was found that necessary plant could not easily be imported, and therefore it occurred to your Directors to approach the General Managers of the Hongkong Ice Company, Limited with an offer to purchase the whole of their business and undertaking. The offer has been provisionally accepted by the General Managers on the basis as set out in the Notice and this acceptance is embodied in a formal Agreement between the General Managers of the Hongkong Ice Company, Limited and this Company, which Agreement will require your confirmation.

On the advice of the Company's Solicitors, the present opportunity was taken to bring the Company's Articles of Association up to date, which will be submitted for your acceptance. The new Articles do not differ in principle from the old Articles, and therefore it has not been found necessary to send a copy to each of the Shareholders in the Company. The main alterations comprise the following:—

1. An alteration of the basis on which voting takes place by providing that every Shareholder shall have one vote for each Share held by him instead of the rights of voting being attached to the holding of a given unit of Shares.
2. It is made clear that the discretion of the Directors in managing the affairs of the Company cannot be interfered with by the resolution of a small majority of Shareholders present at a Meeting, but only by means of a Special Resolution altering the Articles.
3. Power given to the Shareholders to remove a Director at any Ordinary General Meeting if such Shareholders represent fifty per cent. of the Company's total capital issue.
4. The Directors' fees have been increased to $7,000. With the exception of these alterations, the new Articles call for no special reference or comment.

With regard to the proposed change in the name of the Company, your Directors feel that the proposed new name will meet with your approval as it not only retains the old name of the Company but it also makes it more comprehensive and will readily convey to our customers and the public the various branches of business the Company is actually interested in.

With these remarks I beg to propose that the new Articles, a printed copy of which has been signed by your Chairman, be approved.

Mr. A. V. APCAR seconded, and the motion was carried.

The CHAIRMAN said:—The new Articles have now been approved and I therefore propose that the same be and they are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of the existing Articles.

Mr. C. B. BYERS seconded, and the motion was carried.

The CHAIRMAN said:—I now propose: "That the conditional Agreement submitted to the meeting for the amalgamation with this Company of the Hongkong Ice Company, Limited upon the terms (inter alia) of the acquisition by this Company of the complete undertaking, business, goodwill and property of the Hongkong Ice Company, Limited in return for the issue to that Company of 52,000 shares of this Company of the nominal value of $7.50 each credited as fully paid up (being eight shares of $7.50 each of this Company for each share of $25 each of the Hongkong Ice Company Limited) and of the issue by this Company to Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Limited, the General Managers of the Hongkong Ice Company, Limited (upon their entering into restrictive covenants which have been agreed upon and by way of bonus as compensation for loss of their office as General Managers of the Hongkong Ice Company Limited) of 2,000 shares of this Company of the nominal value of $7.50 each credited as fully paid up be and the same is hereby approved and that the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to carry the said Agreement into effect with such (if any) modification either before or after the execution thereof as they may think fit."

Mr. H. PERCY SMITH seconded, and the motion was carried.

The CHAIRMAN said:—I propose,—"That the name of the Company be changed to 'The Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Company, Limited.'"

Mr. A. STEAVENSON seconded, and the motion was carried.

The CHAIRMAN said:—The resolutions having been duly passed by the required majority, the adoption of the new Articles and the change of name of the Company will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions at a Second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened. Notice of the Meeting will appear in the daily papers.

The Meeting then terminated.

COURT OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

A STEAMSHIP CHARTER DISPUTE.

In the Supreme Court, this morning, before Sir William Rees Davies, K.C. Chief Justice, the Wo Fat Sing and Luen Hing Steamship Company, Ltd., claimed from the Soon Leng Shipping Company the sum of $52,193,95 damages for breach of a contract for the charter of the s.s. *Pheumpenh* for a period of twelve months, by the defendant. The plaintiffs also claim such other relief as the Court may seem fit to award, and also costs.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock K.C., instructed by Mr. Hall, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for the defendant, and the Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp K.C., and Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, of Messrs Deacon, Looker Deacon and Harston, appeared for the plaintiff.

Mr. Sharp said the facts were very simple. At the beginning of April, 1917 the defendants went to the office of Messrs. Snowman and Co., shipping brokers, to negotiate for the charter of a steamer. On that occasion, three people representing the defendant came, viz. Li Sui Pak, the manager of the defendant firm in Hongkong; Chan Man Pang, an English speaking clerk of the firm; and Cheang Tsz Ting who was introduced as a partner in the firm, the head office of which is in Swatow. The negotiations eventually resulted in the offer of the s.s. *Pheumpenh*. A specification of the vessel including the trading limits, which barred Java and the Philipines, and the price, were telegraphed the defendant's head office in Swatow, and a telegraphic reply was received accepting the offer. Mr. Edgecumbe, of Messrs. Snowman and Co., on receipt of acceptance prepared a confirmation note which was signed by Li Sui Pak and duly chopped with the firm's chop. Subsequently, Mr. Edgecumbe was approached by the defendants with regard to the trade limits, with the object of a concession with regard to Java and the Philipines. The matter, however, was dropped for the time, but later a telegram was received from the head office of the defendants in Swatow stating that if Java and Philipines were excluded, "better cancel the charter." The plaintiffs, at that stage, refused to cancel the contract and prepared the vessel for delivery, which, however, the defendants refused to take. Subsequently the firm wrote to Messrs. Snowman, stating that Li Sui Pak had no authority to sign the contract, and denied entering into any contract. Later it was alleged that the vessel was not regarded favourably by local Insurance Companies.

After taking evidence the hearing was adjourned.

HONGKONG ST. GEORGE'S DAY FUND.

The Committee beg to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of the undernoted donations.

Further amounts will be gratefully received by the Hon. Treasurer, c/o Hongkong and Shanghai Bankin Corporation.

Balance as per last statement	$1,859.80
H. E. Sir F. H. May K.C.M.G.	200.
Mr. T. Arnott	30.
Collected at Football Match per Mr. R. J. Wilton.	334.
Proceeds of Raffle per Miss Square	251.
	$2,674.80

J. H. RAMSAY,
Hon. Treasurer,
Hongkong St. George's Day Fund.
15th April, 1918.

THE FRUIT SEASON.

BOWEL complaint is sure to be prevalent during the fruit season. Be sure to keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy on hand. It may save a life. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

THE MAGISTRACY.

OPIUM CASES.

An old Chinaman was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, with being in unlawful possession of ten pounds of opium.

A revenue officer stated that he searched the box defendant carried when he was about to board a steamer at the Shun Yick wharf. The opium was discovered concealed in a special compartment fitted around the box.

Defendant denied having had any previous knowledge of the opium. He said he was merely a coolie and had been engaged by a stranger to carry the box.

A fine of $500, with the alternative of three months' hard labour was imposed.

A Chinese youth pleaded guilty when charged with being in possession of 20 taels of opium and also with attempting to export nine taels of Government opium without a permit.

Sergt. Fallon said he found the opium concealed about defendant's waist.

His Worship fined the defendant $2,000 with the alternative of nine months' hard labour.

WHAT IS IN A NAME.

A Chinese pleaded not guilty when charged with the theft of two chisels at Shum Shui Po.

It was stated that the defendant stole the chisels from outside a workshop.

Defendant said he did not steal the chisels: he only picked them up from the ground.

His explanation was not satisfactory and he was sentenced to imprisonment for fourteen days with hard labour.

FALSE PRETENCES.

An office boy of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank was charged on remand before Mr. Dyer Ball this morning, with obtaining $150 under false pretences from the compradore staff of the Bank.

It was stated that the defendant presented chits to the accountant of the department from time to time, the chits purporting to bear the signatures of Mr. Ho Wing, the compradore.

Defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

CITY HALL WORK PARTY.

During the past two weeks the City Hall Work Party packed the following:—41 shirts, 92 pyjamas, 18 dressing-gowns, 127 vests, 90 bed-jackets, 5 reversible bed jackets, 10 surgical shirts, 26 shrouds, 6 mosquito nets, 16 small pillows, 25 prs. slippers, 4 prs invalid boots, 23 milk covers, 24 theatre squares, 15 dozen handkerchiefs, 31 prs. socks, 6 caps, 1 muffler, 1 pr. knee caps, 2 prs. mittens, 4 prs. bed socks, 6 many-tailed bandages, 4 head bandages, 4 eye bandages, 11 scrubbers, 2 mops and 10 packs playing cards.

On the 15th March the Wool department packed:—72 mufflers, 349 prs. socks, 114 prs. knee caps, 34 prs. operation stockings, 22 caps, 18 prs. gloves and mittens, 12 white caps and 2 belts.

These were packed in six cases, four of which were sent to the Red Cross distributing centre at Bombay and two to Suez.

In addition to the above, fifteen men leaving the Colony were each given with the best wishes of the City Hall Work Party, one shirt, one muffler, one pair of socks and two handkerchiefs.

Letters were received thanking the Work Party for their gifts.

The Mothers' Union Work Party during the month of March contributed fifty-five articles to the boxes packed. We have to thank Mrs. Stackhouse and Mr. F. A. Mackintosh for the parcels of thin clothing that they sent for the use of convalescent officers.

A friend passing through Hongkong kindly gave us one piece of excellent shirting which made 16 shirts.

ETHEL M. STABB,

April 13th, 1918

SERVES THE WHOLE FAMILY.

THE fame of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is world wide. It is good for the deep seated cough of the adult or the croup and whooping cough of the children. The same bottle serves the whole family. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

THE CHINESE-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING.

On the afternoon of April 12th the Annual Meeting of the Chinese American Association was held at the United States Consulate, the Hon. P. S. Heintzleman presiding. There was a large gathering of representative men and women of both countries present. The parlours at the United States Consulate were crowded from 4.30 p.m. until nearly seven o'clock. One of Canton's best bands furnished music, light refreshments were served, and a general good social time was enjoyed by all. It was very interesting to see the large number of Chinese, women as well as men, in attendance. Most of the Chinese could speak some English, yet a goodly number spoke nothing but their own dialect. They came from the official, business, and literary classes mostly. I noticed among the Americans representatives of most of the classes labouring in South China—the business man, the educator, the missionary, the banker, the merchant, and customary trades followed by the citizens of that country. The spirit of the gathering was wholesome, and friendly such as characterize the progressive element of these two countries.

New officers were elected for the issuing year. These are the following:—

Honorary Presidents: H.E. Lu Ying-ting, Military Inspector-General of Liang Kwong; H.E. Mu Ying-hsien, Military Governor of Kwangtung; H.E. Lee Yao-hon, Civil Governor of Kwangtung; Admiral Tan Hsueh-heng, Director General, Conservancy Board; Admiral Teng Ching-Pao, Advisor to Military Governor.

President: Hon. Chung Wing Kwong, Dean, Canton Christian College.

Vice Presidents: Hon. P. S. Heintzleman, American Consul General; Judge Peter Hing; Ex-Chief Justice of Kwangtung; Hon. Tsang Yen, Commissioner of Finance; Hon. Loh Tsang, Commissioner for Foreign Affairs; Honorable Ngai Bong-ping, Commissioner of Police

Executive Secretaries: Hin Wong, Esquire, President, Kwangtung College; George E. Lerrigo, Esquire, General Secretary, Young Men's Christian Association.

Recording Secretaries: Rev. James M. Henry, American Presbyterian Mission; Ching Tso-yee, Esquire, President, Kwangtung Educational Association.

Treasurer: H. J. Morse, Standard Oil Company of New York.

Honorary members:—H.E. Paul S. Reinsch, American Minister, Peking; Hon. Fred D. Fisher, American Consul General, Tientsin; Hon. Edwin S. Cunningham, American Consul General, Hankow; Hon. J. Paul Jameson, American Consul, Nanking; Tse Ki Yuen, Esquire, President of the Provincial Assembly; Lo Hue-fung, Vice-President of the Provincial Assembly; Hon. Chu Wai Chiu, Toayin of Yueh-hoi; the Pun Yu Magistrate; the Nam Hoi Magistrate; Feng Chia-shih, Manager, Bank of China; Chan Sing Mi, Esquire, Manager, Bank of Canton.

The object of the Association is to stimulate friendly inter-course between Chinese and American citizens.

PRESBYTERIAN COMPOUND AT YEUNG KONG PARTLY BURNED.

The situation has grown from bad to worse at Yeung Kong during the last two months as far as the American Mission is concerned. The soldiers have been threatening the lives of the missionaries. They have been watching the movements of the missionaries and suspecting them as having a part in favouring the Peking sympathizers. The missionaries—Dr. Dobson especially—has rendered all the help they could to relieve the suffering of the wounded soldiers even if these were Lung's men. The Southern soldiers have not always understood the benign motives of the missionaries. Some days ago, these suspicious characters created a mob, went to the hospital and killed eight of the soldier inmates, burnt the nearby chapel to the ground, shot many holes in the hospital building, and wounded the preacher in the street chapel pretty badly.

Miss Pike, who has just arrived in Canton, says that the lives of the missionaries have been threatened for months. Some of the soldiers with the bad element of the city's population seemed to be the occasion of the trouble. Men like the head of police of Canton, who is still on the scene, have done all they could to prevent the attack on the foreigners and their property, but it seems that the better element of the Southern leaders has not been able to control the situation, and thus the harm has come to the Americans. The U. S. gunboat has visited the place and this has had a good effect on the situation. The condition now seems improved.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

Orders issued by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, C.B.E., D.S.P. (R.)

EQUIPMENT PARADES.

All ranks will attend at Headquarters Office as detailed below. Men on duty on the dates allocated to their Sections will attend at such subsequent dates as are specified in these orders.

Uniform, caps with covers to be worn. Rifles, ammunition, truncheons, whistles, chains, armlets and belts to be produced for inspection by those in possession of same.

The first-named Section will attend at 5.15 p.m. the and second-named Section at 5.45 p.m.

Tuesday, April 16th.—No. 1 Section and No. 2 Section.

Wednesday, April 17th.—No. 3 Section and No. 4 Section.

Thursday, April 18th.—No. 5 Section and No. 6 Section.

Friday, April 19th.—No. 7 Section and No. 8 Section.

By Order.

SUNDAY'S CABLES

THE GREAT BATTLE IN FLANDERS.

A CRITICAL TIME: STIRRING APPEAL BY SIR DOUGLAS HAIG.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BRITISH OFFICIAL REPORTS.

CONTINUOUS HEAVY FIGHTING.

BRITISH TROOPS PUSHED BACK.

LONDON, April 12.
11.55 p.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

The enemy maintained a strong pressure throughout the day southward and south-westward of Bailleul, making constant attacks in great force, which are still continuing.

We have been slowly pushed back in the continuous fighting to positions in the neighbourhood of the Bailleul railway, where we are heavily engaging the enemy.

There was sharp fighting also northward of the La Bassee Canal.

The enemy slightly progressed between the Lawe and Clarence rivers.

Elsewhere our positions have been maintained.

Over 110 German Divisions have so far been engaged since March 21st, of which over forty have been thrown into the battle, twice and thrice.

LONDON, April 13.
2 p.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

Heavy fighting developed last evening in the neighbourhood of Neuve Eglise and Wulverghem and was still continuing late last night.

We advanced our line slightly in the neighbourhood of Festubert, securing a few prisoners.

The enemy launched a strong attack, preceded by heavy bombardment, eastward of Locon and succeeded in entering our lines at certain points, but were driven out by a counter-attack. We beat off a second attack later in the night and also repulsed an attack westward of Merville.

The situation on the remainder of the northern battle-front is unchanged.

Sharp local fighting occurred yesterday south of the Somme in the neighbourhood of Hangard, Anglo-French counter-attacks regaining positions into which the enemy had penetrated.

The enemy's artillery is more active north of the Somme.

BATTLE IN THE AIR.

BRITISH AVIATORS BUSY.

LONDON, April 12.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, reporting on aviation, says:—

When the mist cleared, there was great activity on the whole front.

We made several long-distance reconnaissances, taking photographs of much of the fighting.

We brought down 21 planes and drove down 14.

Four of ours are missing and two of ours, reported missing yesterday, have since returned.

We dropped over eight tons of bombs last night on Bapaume, villages southward of the Somme, and military objectives at Ostend and Zeebrugge. One of our machines is missing.

We successfully bombed Sablon and the railway station of Metz today, dropping 22 heavy bombs, all of which burst on the railway sidings.

All our planes returned.

"EVERY POSITION MUST HOLD TO THE LAST MAN."

FIELD-MARSHAL HAIG'S ELOQUENT APPEAL TO THE TROOPS.

"A CRITICAL MOMENT."

LONDON, April 12.
9.25 p.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, in a special order issued to-day to the troops in France, says:—

"Three weeks ago to-day the enemy began his terrific attacks on a 50-mile front. His objects are to separate us from the French, to take the Channel ports and to destroy the British Army.

"Despite having thrown already 106 Divisions into the battle and having endured the most reckless sacrifice of life, he has yet made little progress towards his goals. We owe this to the determined fighting and self-sacrifice of our troops. Words fail me to express the admiration that I feel for the splendid resistance offered by all ranks under very trying circumstances. Many amongst us are now tired. To those I would say: 'Victory belongs to the side holding out the longest.'

"The French Army is moving rapidly and in great force to our support. No other course is open to us but to fight it out. Every position must hold to the last man. There must be no retirement. With our backs to the wall and believing in the justice of our cause, each one of us must fight on to the end, for the safety of our homes and the freedom of mankind depend alike on the conduct of each one of us. This is a critical moment."

THE APPEAL PROFOUNDLY STIRS THE NATION.

LONDON, April 13.
7.20 a.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig's grave moving appeal to the troops has profoundly stirred the nation, indicating that the struggle has reached a point that may even be decisive in the war. The words are made the text of articles in the papers, urging every man and woman in the British Isles to take them to heart, while breathing confidence that the noble Armies which have already proved their mettle will leave nothing undone that the men can do, and, with the French hurrying to their aid, will yet save the day.

The Press Correspondents add little to Reuter's account of the heroic fighting of the British but the details they give emphasise the supreme courage with which small bodies have held on to outposts, sometimes isolated, and sometimes thinly in touch with other bodies, but all the time inflicting bloody losses.

The Ninth and Fifty-First Divisions are prominently mentioned in these accounts. The Liverpool battalions and other Lancashires, the Durham Light Infantry, Royal Scots, Royal Scottish Fusiliers, the Black Watch, the Gordons, though singled out for special incidents, were but representative of the conduct of the whole Army. Particular praise is accorded for the fighting for Messines Ridge of Scots and South Africans. The *Times*, mentioning the latter in an editorial, for their conduct on Thursday, describes it as just as fine as on Wednesday when their counter-attack recovered the ridge. Despite their losses, on Thursday they thrust back the Germans from the high ground of the ridge to the Messines-Wytschaete road and held them there against repeated counter-attacks.

A dramatic glimpse of the desperation of the fighting is afforded by an episode in which the Headquarters Staff of two Brigades opposing General Bernhardi's troops on the river Lawe, plunged into the struggle with rifles, while one General led his orderlies to the fray.

Emphasising the gravity of the position some papers point out that the enemy now is only thirty miles from Dunkirk and forty miles from Calais while apparently the positions on Messines Ridge have turned the whole Northern Army's communications which are imperilled.

Others a little more hopeful point out that the more German Divisions that are engaged the easier will be General Foch's task. They state that it is still too soon to assume that the direct thrust in the North for the Channel ports has become the enemy's major operation. The increased activity of German artillery astride the Somme points to a renewal of the contest on a larger scale.

FRENCH OFFICIAL REPORTS.

FURIOUS FIGHT FOR HANGARD.

AMERICANS CO-OPERATE WITH FRENCH TROOPS.

LONDON, April 13.

A French communiqué states:—

Following an intense artillery preparation, the Germans this morning attacked our front at Hangard-en-Anterre and Hourges. A furious fight, lasting all day, developed. The enemy in front of Hourges did not progress.

The Germans after several fruitless attacks, ceaselessly fed by fresh troops, entered Hangard.

Counter attacks brought us back to the western part of the village, where fighting continues desperately.

There was active artillery firing in the Noyon sector.

The Germans bombarded Rheims, where several fires broke out, notably round the Cathedral.

The enemy in the Forest of Apremont strongly attacked our positions at Bois and Brule and gained a footing in the advanced elements.

A sharp counter-attack by the French and Americans, acting in combination, immediately ejected him.

The Americans took 22 prisoners, belonging to six different units.

Two German aeroplanes and a captive balloon were felled, and 12 were driven down, damaged in the air-fighting.

We dropped 16 tons of bombs on the station at St. Quentin, the aviation ground north of Montdidier, and Sangars and Champien.

ITALIAN PREMIER'S CONFIDENCE IN THE ITALIAN ARMY.

"THE ENEMY'S BLOW WHEN IT FALLS WILL FIND US READY."

ROME, April 18.

Signor Orlando (the Premier), after visiting the Front, has telegraphed to General Diaz. He wished that the confidence that his visit had inspired in him should spread throughout Italy and the Army, which was never more worthy than in the present hour of the supreme crisis. "The enemy's blow, when it falls, will find us ready."

LONG-RANGE BOMBARDMENT OF PARIS.

PARIS, April 18.

The long-range gun yesterday killed 2 and wounded 12.

PRESS CORRESPONDENTS' REPORTS.

LONDON, April 12.

Reuter's Correspondent at Headquarters telegraphs:—The Battle of Flanders continues this morning in brilliant sunshine with clear visibility, with a fierceness which has scarcely flagged since it began. The situation continues indefinite at many parts on a very wide part of the battlefield, therefore only a general incomplete outline of the position is possible. There has been no appreciable change from Givenchy o the river Lawe. During the past twenty-four hours we successfully beat off a heavy attack upon Loisne, we also repulsed, with immense enemy losses, three attacks launched in big waves near Vieille Chapelle. The ground in front of our line is strewn with corpses.

Further north our line has been withdrawn to a more advantageous defensive position, about a thousand yards west of Beaupre, through Neurberquin, thence in a north-westerly direction to Lavernier. Thus the enemy salient has become considerably acuter, though I hear the enemy is still pressing on the town of Mervilwe. We counter-attacked later, south-westward from the direction of Bailleul and from the north towards Steenwerck but did not succeed in pushing back the enemy, although we punished him heavily. The Germans are throwing in reserves in the same prodigal manner as during the opening days of the present offensive.

Prisoners unanimously agree that the object of the German High Commands is to swamp the British by sheer weight of numbers. The enemy determinedly attacked along the Messines ridge where the South Africans, hardly rested after their splendid share in recent southern fighting, did such grand work in restoring the situation on Wednesday afternoon. The enemy succeeded in gaining some ground, but the South Africans again drove him out by a spirited counter-attack in combination with British troops.

Enemy artillery opened a heavy bombardment at 2.45 this morning from east of Ploegstrrt. No report has yet arrived of subsequent infantry developments. German guns have also been plastering the Damestrasse area early this morning. Our artillery has been kept intensely busy, our airmen in great numbers rendering invaluable aid. The Germans are developing great artillery activity in the southern area, which possibly heralds further infantry attacks. Bray-Corbie road was fiercely shelled fom three till day-light. The valley west of Sailly-le-Sec was under heavy fire all night.

GERMANS CLAIM 20,000 PRISONERS AT ARMENTIERES.

LONDON, April 13.
12.45 a.m.

A wireless German official report states:—

In the capture of Armentieres an English garrison with 50 officers and 3,000 men laid down their arms after a brave resistance.

We have captured 45 guns amongst other booty.

"The total of prisoners in the battle of Armentieres is now 20,000, including an English General and 200 guns.

The French assault westward of Moreuil broke down, leaving 300 prisoners, who were subsequently killed by the French artillery.

THE GERMAN COMMANDER IN THE ARMENTIERES SECTOR.

AMSTERDAM, April 13.

The *Koelnische Volkszeitung* states that General Ferdinand von Quast, who is commanding the Army in the Armentieres sector, is 68. He commanded an Army corps in the invasion of France, also in the Aisne, Champagne and Somme battles.

He became the Commanding General of the Prussian Guards at the beginning of 1917.

FRENCH VIEW OF THE SITUATION.

PARIS, April 12.

A semi-official statement says:—The German attack on the British in Flanders was originally intended as a diversion, but owing to the initial success it has been changed into an attack and pushed through to the full with fresh divisions. The threatened objective is specially the mining district of Bethune for it would be very rash for the enemy to aim at reaching Dunkirk. It is impossible to foresee the issue, but it should be contemplated confidently, for the British possess a second very powerful position which they have not yet reached on which their resistance would be considerably facilitated. Moreover, the arrival of reinforcements cannot fail to re-establish the situation.

AIR-RAID ON ENGLAND.

MIDLAND DISTRICTS ATTACKED.

DETAILS NOT TO HAND.

LONDON, April 13.
2 a.m.

The Press Bureau states:—

Hostile airships crossed the East Coast in the evening and attacked certain Eastern and Midlands districts.

One or two raiders penetrated further inland, where some bombs were dropped.

Details are not available.

The raid is progressing.

THE OFFICIAL ACCCOUNT.

LATER.

The Press Bureau states:—

Four airships participated in last night's raid.

Two penetrated a few miles inland, while another reached the Midlands. The fourth nearly reached the North-West coast.

The raiders travelled at a great height, but did not attempt to penetrate the defended areas.

Most of the bombs were dropped on open country.

Four houses were demolished in one place. Otherwise, the damage was inconsiderable.

ATTACK CARRIED OUT BY TWO ZEPPELINS.

LONDON, April 13.
7.15 a.m.

It is unofficially stated that two Zeppelins raided the East Coast of England last evening.

AIR-RAID ON PARIS.

11 KILLED AND 50 WOUNDED.

PARIS, April 9.

In last night's air-raid 11 were killed and 50 wounded.

LATER.

German aeroplanes crossed the lines and proceeded southwards. Only two reached Paris and dropped some bombs. The casualties are still unknown.

LATER.

The alarm was given at 10 o'clock in the evening and the "all clear" signal at 11.

GUNS FIRING EIGHTY MILES.

MUNITION FACTORIES TO CONSTRUCT THEM.

LONDON, April 12.

Mr. Macpherson stated in the House of Commons that it was possible to construct a gun firing over eighty miles.

Necessary steps had been taken in this connection.

THE FUTURE OF BELGIUM.

GERMAN GENEAL ADVOCATES ANNEXATION.

AMSTERDAM, April 12.

General Keim, for three years Military Governor of the Belgian Province of Limburg, in a speech at Berlin, characterised the restoration and indemnification of Belgium as monstrous. Belgium had only been treated according to the laws of war. Military, economic and political guarantees in Belgium were impossible. "The annexation of the Flanders coast with the necessary hinterland and the conclusion of a German peace with indemnities are indispensable."

THE FATE OF A GERMAN BATTLESHIP.

AGROUND OFF AALAND ISLANDS.

COPENHAGEN, April 18.

The *Social Demokraten* states that the German battleship *Rheinland* is aground off the Aaland Islands.

Another source reports that the *Rheinland* struck a mine and sank.

THE VIGOROUS PROSECUTION OF THE WAR.

SIGNIFICANT SPEECH BY MR. TAFT.

ALBANY, April 13.

Mr. Taft, addressing the New York State Legislature, advocated that the United States should as soon as possible put an Army of five or seven millions into the British and French lines. This would probably take two years, but, when accomplished, victory should be won. The Americans should occupy the centre and bear the brunt of the battle as they ought to, for, after all, the Allies had been fighting America's battles for the past three years.

The Legislature passed a resolution in favour of the United States joining after the war a League of Nations to safeguard the peace that must be won by the joint Allied military forces.

The speech and the resolution are significant as showing the strong Republican sentiment for a vigorous prosecution of the war.

AUSTRIA AND ALSACE-LORRAINE.

EMPEROR KARL SUGGESTS MISINTERPRETATION OF HIS LETTER.

AMSTERDAM, April 13.

It is now significantly admitted in Vienna that the Emperor Karl had sent some kind of a letter as regards Alsace Lorraine, the explanations taking the form that the letter was misinterpreted or falsified.

SCARCITY IN HOLLAND.

BREAD RIOTS AT ROTTERDAM AND THE HAGUE.

AMSTERDAM, April 13.

There were collisions between the mob, the police and the Military during the bread riots at The Hague, where a crowd pillaged the shops.

Several casualties were reported.

There was also rioting at Rotterdam.

LATER.

Forty to fifty, including policemen, have been wounded in the food riots at the Hague.

A number of shops have been plundered.

COMPULSORY CIVILIAN SERVICE IN HOLLAND.

THE HAGUE, April 13.

The Government has introduced a Bill establishing compulsory civilian service, during abnormal conditions for Dutchmen, and unmarried and childless Dutchwomen in the mother-country between the ages of 17 and 60.

FIGHTING IN PALESTINE.

ENEMY ATTEMPTS TO PENETRATE POSITIONS FAIL.

LONDON, April 12.

A Palestine official report states:—

Throughout the day fighting was in progress in the sector.

On Wednesday the Turks and Germans penetrated the advanced positions in the direction of Berukin and Elkfer, but were eventually ejected.

We advanced our lines to several points, and inflicted substantial losses.

We took a few Turks and Germans prisoners.

A Turkish attack on the east bank of the Jordan in the vicinity of Elgho Raniyeh on Thursday broke down with heavy losses under our artillery fire.

Our mounted troops pursued the retreating enemy within a short distance of Shuneh Nimrin.

An attack astride the Jericho-Nablus road westward of the Jordan was also repulsed.

THE MAN-POWER BILL.

CLAUSE AUTHORISING RAISING AGE-LIMIT PASSED.

LONDON, April 13.

In the House of Commons in Committee on the Man-Power Bill the first clause of the Man-Power Bill authorising the general raising of the age was carried by a large majority. The Government undertook not to take action as regard those who are liable over 50, without Parliament consent.

MR. ASQUITH EXPLAINS HIS ATTITUDE.

LONDON, April 12.

In the House of Commons in the course of the Irish discussion, Mr. Asquith, explaining why he did not ask his followers to vote against compulsion in Ireland, said the situation was far graver than when he last spoke in the House. He could not be a party to any proceeding in the House which if successful, must prevent the Government from concentrating entirely upon saving from disaster the cause of the Allies.—(Loud cheers).

Mr. Asquith suggested that in the interval between the passing of the Bill and the application of compulsion in Ireland the Bill, based on the report of the Irish Convention, should be passed by both Houses.

MR. H. E. DUKE'S CONVICTIONS.

Mr. H. E. Duke (Secretary for Ireland) said nothing would please the Government better than that Parliament should be erected at Dublin before any Irishmen went to the Colours. He hoped that when Irishmen saw the Government resolved to settle the Irish question, and that it is open to them honorably and as citizens to participate in the defence of the Empire, they would again rally to the sacred cause as in 1914.

MR. DEVLIN AND SELF-GOVERNMENT FOR IRELAND.

Mr. Devlin declared that the action of the Government was fraught with the greatest peril, and urged the withdrawal of the Irish clause at the earliest moment. If the Government introduced a broad measure of self-Government satisfying the Irish national aspirations and called at the earliest opportunity a Parliament representing Irish citizenship, Government would get from Ireland what it got from South Africa. If the Government did this, he would join the the Colours as a private, would constitute himself a leader, and would do his utmost to rally young Irishmen to the Government's support. This was a time of bitter trial.—(Loud Nationalist cheers.)

SIR MARK SYKES' STIRRING SPEECH.

Sir Mark Sykes (Unionist Member for Hull) made a speech, which was received very warmly by every part of the House. He pointed out that as the Government had decided to stand or fall on the question of Irish conscription, it was the duty of the Members to support the Government, but the Government must bring in a Home Rule Bill of an adequate character.

He appealed to Sir Edward Carson to say if the Irish nation is in the war and whether Ulster is in the Irish nation. Sinnfein would then be dead, and a wave of enthusiasm would secure the Irish Army far beyond the hopes of Government.

Mr. Hugh Law (the Nationalist) paid a warm tribute to the speech of Sir Mark Sykes as showing a brave, courageous and noble spirit.

Mr. Bonar Law claimed that the Government was doing nothing unjust. The Government had decided that from the military point of view which alone could be considered, it was an advantage. They would be cravens if they failed to carry it out. The American Government, in response to our urgent appeal, had allowed its battalions to be brigaded with ours. There was conscription of the Americans, many of whom were Irish. Were we entitled to urge the United States to conscript Irishmen when Irishmen at home were not called up?

The Home Rule Bill was in preparation and the Government would try to carry it simultaneously with the Man-Power Bill.

A Nationalist amendment was then rejected and the Clause applying compulsion to Ireland was adopted by 281 votes to 115.

LATER.

The Nationalist amendment against Conscription in Ireland was rejected by 280 to 108.

TELEGRAMS.

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A GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, April 14.

A wireless German official report states:—

On the battle-field of the Lys our attacks against the English Divisions progressed.

From the heights of Messines we pushed forward across Steenbach, and reached the eastern border of Wulverghem.

We surrounded and captured Ploegsteert Wood and took the fortified height of Roosignol.

Between the railways leading from Armentieres to Bailleul and Marville, we carried our attack forward as far as the railway leading from Bailleul to Merrisand, as far as the eastern border of Hieppe Wood.

Southward of Merville, we captured the Clarence River and took Locon by storm.

We reached the La Bassee Canal north-westward of Bethune.

We captured 400 prisoners on both sides of Lacenerook.

HAIG'S ORDER ANSWERED WITH VIRILE ENERGY.

THE TENACITY OF THE BRITISH RESISTANCE.

PARIS, April 14.

The newspapers unanimously praise Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig's order to the troops, which they say was immediately answered with virile energy by the heroic British troops at Marcellintin.

The *Echo de Paris* states: The road to Calais and Dunkirk will henceforth be closed to the Germans.

The *Matin* states: The tenacity of the British resistance undoubtedly enables the dominating positions, which form a barrier between the Lys and the Dunkirk coast, to be put into a state of defence.

The *Excelsior* states: The British and French reserves have not yet been engaged. The battle is only beginning. The Allied High Command has its own reasons for letting the enemy exhause himself.

The *Journal* states: The German losses, which are excessive, may, at a given moment, become serious.

THE AIR-RAID ON ENGLAND.

THE GERMAN REPORT.

AMSTERDAM, April 14.

Berlin claims that Zeppelins on the 12th inst. bombed Birmingham, Nottingham, Sheffield, Leeds, Hull and Grimsby.

GERMANY AND ALLIED AIR-RAIDS.

SUGGESTION TO CONFINE THEM TO BATTLE AREAS.

LONDON, April 14.

The effectiveness of the Allied air-raids on Germany is further illustrated by the fact that the Second Chamber of the Bavarian Diet passed an unanimous motion requesting the Government to urge the Imperial authorities to try and arrange a general agreement for the cessation of hostile air-raids on places outside the area of military operations.

A representative of the Bavarian Government welcomed the motion, and stated that the Ministry of the Interior was already communicating with the War Ministry on the matter.

FRENCH STAFF CHANGES.

GENERAL SARRAIL IN THE RESERVE LIST.

PARIS, April 14.

General Sarrail has been placed in the Reserve List.

SIAM'S DETERMINATION TO HELP THE ALLIES.

HER ENTRY INTO THE WAR NOT MERELY PLATONIC.

PARIS, April 14.

The Secretary of the Siamese Legation, interviewed by the *Echo de Paris*, declared that Siam desired to demonstrate her whole-hearted adhesion to the cause of Justice and Right, and to show particularly to Germany, which laughed at Siam, that the Siamese declaration of war was not merely a platonic manifestation.

Siam was anxious to actively collaborate with the Allies industrially and economically.

THE REQUISITIONED DUTCH VESSELS.

THE CHARTER CONDITIONS.

THE HAGUE, April 14.

The British Legation states that the requisitioned Dutch ships will be returned in good condition not later than the completion of the voyage on which they are engaged on the day the Peace Treaty is signed.

The ships will sail under the British flag and the charter rate will be 35s. monthly per gross ton.

The British Government undertakes all war and marine risks and if the ships are lost the Government will, if the owners wish, replace the ship as soon as possible after the war, in the meanwhile paying six per cent. annually on the value of the lost ship.

GERMAN FLEET AT HELSINGFORS.

AMSTERDAM, April 14.

A message from Berlin states the German fleet has arrived at Helsingfors.

THE SILVER MARKET.

INCREASE IN PRICE.

LONDON, April 13.

Silver is quoted at 46¼d. The rise is influenced by increased rates to India and short supplies. The market is firm.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE GREAT STRUGGLE.

ENEMY PRESSURE ON BRITISH CONTINUES.

LONDON, April 12.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing this evening, says:

The enemy continues to strain every effort to break through in Flanders. Already 30 enemy Divisions have been thrown in, including reserves. On other parts of the Front the enemy is employing great gun-power, reinforced by hauls from the East in the same lavish manner as men, thus imposing the severest test on our troops, whose response to this, in courage and endurance, defies all praise. By sustained pressure, by dense masses and constant blows and shock tactics the enemy has succeeded in the past twenty-four hours advancing in the centre of the attack.

THE FLANKS HOLD FIRM.

The flanks are holding firm but the enemy has extended the narrow nose of his salient in a way which nothing but immense superiority in numbers could render tactically feasible or have achieved.

"We have been counter-attacking to-day. The battle is fiercely progressing, the clear weather enabling airmen to thoroughly reconnoitre, co-operating in the combat with most effective results.

"The enemy's objectives in this drive include Bailleul, Aire, Bethune and Merville.

ENEMY'S RECKLESS EXPENDITURE OF MEN.

The enemy had 200 Divisions at the beginning of the offensive on the Western Front, of which 20 are believed to be practically unfit for the battle-line. Twenty Divisions have been thrown into the battle-line three times since March 21, and 45 twice, while over four times the number of Divisions have been hurled against the British than against the French.

The enemy's rate of spending man-power cannot long be maintained. Already to a considerable extent the 1919 Class is being sent to refit the battle-line divisions, while the calling up of the 1920 class began a month ago.

Our reinforcements are steadily coming up.

From Givenchy to Locon our line is holding well. Everywhere the troops are fighting magnificently but owing to pressure we have fallen back slightly in the area east of Bailleul.

SEVERAL ATTACKS REPULSED BY BRITISH.

LONDON, April 13.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

As a result of last night's fighting in the neighbourhood of Neuve Eglise, the enemy succeeded, after a prolonged struggle, in forcing his way into the village. Our vigorous counter-attacks this morning drove out the enemy, and we took a number of prisoners, including a Battalion Commander. We successfully repulsed a later attack and also a number of other attacks at different points along the battle-front northward of the La Bassee Canal.

Three separate attacks on our line south-westward, westward and northward of Merville were in each case repulsed after heavy fighting. We successfully drove back an attempted attack southward of Meteren, and also beat off four attacks launched against our positions south-eastward of Bailleul, where heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

This afternoon, a hostile attack in strength has developed between the Meter-en-Bacque River, south-westward of Meteren and Wulverghem. Severe fighting is taking place on the whole of this front. On other parts of the British Front the situation is unchanged.

A BRILLIANT LOCAL SUCCESS.

LONDON, April 13.

Reuter's Correspondent at British the Headquarters say:—

The enemy to-day continues to press the offensive on the northern line unremittingly with fresh troops.

The weather is again hazy, limiting observation.

The Germans launched a mass-attack last night penetrating our line east of Locon. Our counter-attack drove him back with big casualties. The enemy, three hours later, assaulted the same spot but was again repulsed. Yet another attack was no more successful.

We also attacked near La Bassee carrying a strong trench position.

The night was wonderfully clear and our airmen were intensely active, bombing enemy concentrations.

It was a brilliant local success the British and French won at Hangard, where we carried strong positions.

The enemy has secured a direct hit upon the famous Amiens Cathedral.

GERMAN PRAISE FOR DEFENDERS OF ARMENTIERES.

AMSTERDAM, April 13.

A semi-official message from Berlin, referring to the capture of Armentieres, says:—

"Despite envelopment, the garrison held out with extraordinary bravery and it was only when assaulted on both flanks simultaneously that the remnant of the brave garrison surrendered."

THE GENERAL POSITION HOPEFUL.

A LULL IN THE OFFENSIVE.

LONDON, April 13.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters reports:—

The general position at the moment seems to justify the hope that the Germans will achieve no more towards a decision in Flanders than they have done in Picardy and Artois. They have overrun a lot of territory and scored a series of tactical achievements but the strategic situation remains unaltered, for, so long as the Allied Armies continue to face the enemy with an unbroken line of men and guns, the issue for them remains as clear as before we were pressed out of the position occupied prior to the March 21.

The situation at the weekend is steadily improving in our favour. Although the Germans have delivered several heavy attacks to-day on various points, all were repulsed. Not only has the enemy apparently made no progress anywhere, but the retaking of Neuve Eglise by our troops may force him to relax his effort in the direction of Bailleul.

There is a tendency towards a lulling in the offensive, which probably means that the Germans are very tired.

SUCCESSFUL FRENCH COUNTER-ATTACKS

RHEIMS PARTIALLY IN FLAMES.

LONDON, April 13.

A French communiqué states:

During the night our counter-attacks in the region of Hangard-en-Santerre completely threw back the enemy, and we again possess the entire village and also the cemetery. Apart from his resultless losses the enemy left 70 prisoners in our hands. The artillery duel continues to be violent in this region.

Between Montdidier and Noyon there were lively bombardments and great patrol activity. Enemy raids north of Orvillerssorel and between Miette and and the Aisne broke down.

The enemy continues to bombard Rheims, a portion of which is in flames. We are endeavouring to restrict the conflagration.

The enemy is renewing his attacks in the Forest of Apremont against Bois Brule.

The Americans, in liaison with our troops, vigorously shattered most of the attacks.

THE PRESENT BRITISH LINE.

GENERAL FOCH BIDES HIS TIME.

PARIS, April 13.

A semi-official message says:—

The enemy now seems to be devoting all his effort against the Northern front.

The British line here is convex from the north to southward. From a point west of Hollebeke the line passes Wytschaete, Messines and Neuve Eglise to the approaches of south Bailleul, and from there to Neuf Berghin. It attains its maximum advance at Merville from where it bends south-easterly through Pacaut, Locon and Festubert, where it joins the old line at Givenchy.

The situation is not incapable of being re-established. The cohesion of the British troops is in no way destroyed and the Allied Supreme Command now know what measures to take in order to obviate all possibility of a rupture of the inter-Allied Forces. The course of the battle should not arouse lack of confidence, for in such a gigantic conflict local fluctuations hardly count. Only the last blows are really important. As it is essential in a decisive crisis like the present to remain in the end the stronger, Generalissimo Foch, by sparing his men as long as possible, is awaiting his opportunity. The object of the renewed attack in the south is to retain the French forces there.

NEW AIR STAFF CHIEF.

LONDON, April 13.

The Press Bureau announces that Major-General F. H. Sykes has been appointed Chief of the Air Staff, on the resignation of Major-General Trenchard.

THE AIR-RAIDS.

BRITISH OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST.

LONDON, April 13.

The Press Bureau announces that five persons were killed and fifteen injured in last night's raid.

FRENCH OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST.

PARIS, April 13.

An official statement gives the latest figures in last night's air-raid on Paris as 26 killed and 72 injured.

EMPEROR KARL DISOWNS LETTER.

AMSTERDAM, April 13.

An official message from Vienna says that the letter from Emperor Karl, officially published in Paris, is falsified.

THE MILITARY SERVICE BILL.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS NOT WANTED.

LONDON, April 13.

In the House of Commons on the Military Service Bill, the Rt. Hon. Sir G. Cave announced that the Government would not press for power to cancel exemptions received on medical grounds or on grounds of conscientious objections.

SUBMARINE BOMBARDS LIBERIAN PORT.

LONDON, April 13.

Reuter's Agency learns that a German submarine appeared off the Liberian Coast on April 9 and seized a small armed vessel, which she torpedoed after taking the crew prisoners.

The Commander presented an ultimatum to the Government and threatened to bombard Monrovia if the wireless was not dismantled and the French cable closed. This was accordingly done. Later the Commander insisted upon their destruction, which the Government refused to do. The submarine thereupon bombarded Monrovia for one hour, and destroyed the stations and inflicted casualties. A passing steamer interrupted the submarine, and a fight between the two vessels ensued.

MORE ARMENIAN MASSACRES BY TURKS.

RUSSIA BLAMES GERMANY.

LONDON, April 13.

The Russian Government has sent a Note to Berlin declaring that the offensive of the Turkish troops on the Caucasian Front has been followed by the murder of the whole Armenian population, women and children being killed mercilessly, and property plundered and burnt.

The peace treaty which the Russians were forced to sign at Brestlitovsk left the determination of the future destiny of the people of the provinces of Ardagan, Kars and Batoum to the people themselves, but recent events testify to the renewal of the old policy, and the annihilation of the Armenian people.

"The responsibility for all the horrors which the Armenian population is now suffering in the regions already occupied by the Turkish troops lies with the German Government, which directly helped Turkey to secure these regions. The Government insist upon the immediate energetic intervention of Germany in the Caucasus in stopping further murders and annihilation."

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YACHTING.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The races for the "Daphne Cup" and the "Dawn Cup" were sailed off on Saturday last and resulted as follows:—

ONE DESIGN CLASS.

Course:—Channel Rocks (P), Kowloon Rocks (P), Mark boat on Starting Line (P), Channel Rock (P), Kowloon Rock (P). Distance 8¼ miles.

Yacht.	H'cap on Course.	Finishing Time	Corrected Time
	M. S.	H. M. S.	H. M. S.
Ailsa	Scratch	D. N. S.	—
*Bonita	„	6.21 09	6 21 09
Halcyon	„	D. N. F.	—

* Winner of the "Daphne Cup."

HEYWARD HAYS AND GAEL CLASS.

Course:—Channel Rocks (P), Kowloon Rocks (P), Mark boat on Starting Line. Distance 4.26 miles.

Yacht.	H'cap on Course	Finishing Time.	Corrected Time.
	M. S.	H. M. S.	H. M. S.
Lysbeth	Scratch	5 29 14	5 29 14
*Lady Ursula	„	5 26 54	5 26 54
Gael	05	D. N. F.	— — —
Dorothy	05	D. N. F.	— — —
Toinnette	05	D. N. F.	— — —
Asthore	05	D. N. F.	— — —

* Winner of the "Dawn Cup."

The Race for the "Niobe" Cup for Chinese Rigger Cruiser was sailed off on Sunday and resulted as follows:—

Course:—North Fairway Buoy (S), Stonecutters Island (-), Trocas Rock (S), Cust Rock Buoy (S), Kowloon Rock (S), Channel Rock (S), Lyemun Beacon (S). Distance 14 miles.

Yacht.	H'cap on Course	Finishing Time.	Corrected Time.
	M. S.	H. M. S.	H. M. S.
Ladye Jean	Scratch	D. N. F.	—
Oenone	20	4 47 10	4 42 30
Dorothy II.	40	4 28 14	4 18 24

The race for the Diana Cup will be resailed on Saturday, 20th inst.

* Winner of the "Niobe Cup."

SPORTING.

GOLF.

In the Captain's Cup competition for April, Sir Wm. Rees Davis and Mr. S. H. Dodwell tied; the former score being 100 minus 18=82 and the latter went round in 82. The Tie will be decided on Mr. Dodwell's return. There were 21 entries.

In the Mixed Foursome Competition for Easter Holidays the Tie for second place between Miss Ritchie and Mr. R. P. Thursfield and Mrs. Mayhew and Mr. H. Pegg was played off yesterday and Miss Ritchie and Mr. Thursfield won with a score of 107 minus 12=95 against the their opponents 120 minus 18=102.

The Entrance List for the Governor's Cup will be closed on Friday, the 26th inst., and result of the draw will be notified to the Members in due course.

MARATHON RACE.

Close on 50 entries have been received for this Race, which is to be run on Saturday next at 3 p.m. The starting point is Queen's Statue Wharf near the Hongkong Club.

The names of the competitors, with their running numbers, will be published early.

Mr. H. P. White will act as Starter, and Mr. H. J. Gedge as Judge.

Competitors may change at the Police Reserve Headquarters Club, Prince's Building, Ice House Street, where the numbers under which they are to run will be given out.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

FIRST DIVISION LEAGUE.

ROYAL NAVY 4 *v.* MIDDLESEX 0.

The above teams met on the Club ground on Saturday, play commencing at 4 30 p.m. sharp. Mr. Tucker acted as referee. The game opened with the sailors attacking, subjecting Turner to a terrific bombardment, which, however, proved ineffectual, the soldiers broke away and carried the game to the other end of the field. Coaker was kept busy for a time, blocking, many beautiful centres by Sayers who made a reappearance after a long rest. He played a very fine game but had not many chances as he was well marked by Chapman. In the second half of the game Sayers, nutwithing his marker, tried a shot at the goal but the ball went wide. The sailors had really the better team, but they lacked accuracy in aim and many fine chances given were not accepted. In an attack at the goal by the Middlesex the ball was handled in the penalty area, but the referee ruled it off-side. McNiven scored the first goal for the Navy after a fine combined attack. At one time it looked as if Crocker would be beaten by a low hard shot, but that redoubtable player rose to the occasion and was successful in pushing the ball outside at the expense of a corner. McNiven notched two more goals and Luxom raised the total to four. The game was very exciting and though the sailors won by 4 goals to nil, play was fairly well divided between the teams.

Teams:—

ROYAL NAVY: Crocker, Coaker, Biggs; Cape, Smith, Chapman; Clarke, Brotherwood, Luxon, McNiven and Travis.

MIDDLESEX: Turner; Fauthorp, Fisher, Turner, Fawthorp, Allen; Sayers, Cook, Jarvis, Scroxton, Bravington.

SECOND DIVISION.

South China Athletics 1 *v.* 87 Co. R.G.A. 2.

As the result of their defeat by the Gunners, the Chinese will have to defeat St. Joseph's next week, if they desire to win the Championship without a replay with the 88th Co. R.G.A. The slippery ground and the greasy ball were all against the Chinese who were not able to maintain the fine control of the ball they showed in previous games. The Gunners opened up the scoring with an easy shot by Turner. The Athletics rallied and the next few minutes saw them testing the military custodian. A beautiful shot by the left wing nearly found the corner of the net, the ball tipping the bar before going over. Soon after another raid by the Chinese resulted in a goal, Au Kit Sang being the scorer. Half time arrived with one goal each. Watkinson scored the winning goal from the Chinese from a fine individual effort. Soon after a penalty was awarded the Chinese, but the ball was shot right into Bristow's hands and he immediately cleared. The Gunners managed to keep their goal intact in spite of strenuous efforts by the Chinese to equalise. The game closed with the gunners still maintaining the lead. Mr. Black refereed this match.

STAFFS AND DEPTS 3 *v.* ST. JOSEPH'S 1.

Played on the Navy ground the Collegians were defeated by three goals to one; Ellarby (2) and Kirky (1) being the scores for the soldiers. The latter had the best of the game and their play had improved considerably since their meeting with the 88th Co. R.G.A. recently.—Referee—Mr. Atwell.

KOWLOON *v.* R.E. (B) 4.

This game resulted in an easy win for the suppers by four goals to love. Waller (2), Millard (1) and Pascall (1) were the scores—Referees.—Mr. Loach.

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During the past month since the experiment was started they have cleared large areas of the forest. They have also been successful as charcoal burners. Charcoal is useful in the trenches for cooking. Last year we had to buy large quantities. This year we shall almost supply ourselves—another illustration of the businesslike foresight of "Q.," the Quartermaster-General's Department.

"They seem to be putting their backs into it," I said, while we looked on at some swinging axes, some trimming off stumps with adzes, some neatly stacking the picket-posts for barbed wire and the fascines—bundles of brushwood used for making paths both in the trenches and outside them. "Yes," said the Canadian major in command, "that's because we put them on task-work. We say to them, 'There's a certain job to be done. As soon as it's finished you can go home, and you'll find your chow-chow waiting for you.' That speeds the work up better than anything. It keeps them in a good humour too."

GOOD-HUMOURED AND CLEANLY.

They certainly looked a most contented and good-humoured lot. Like the islanders of Rumtifoo in the ballad, they "enjoy a joke as you and laugh at it as such," and their faces light up very readily with broad grins.

Later I saw them drawing rations in the compound and I understood one reason for their contentment. Twice a day they get a good meat stew with either rice or a peculiar make of almost unleavened bread, to which they are accustomed, and tea. Their midday meal, which they take with them to their work, is bread and cheese or bacon, and they cannot drink cold water—it makes them ill.

They are a cleanly folk; their huts are tidy, and in a big bath-house they tub in almost boiling water with luxurious enjoyment.

A good many are clever conjurers and jugglers. On the Chinese New Year's Day the officers got up a juggling competition and saw them perform some astonishing tricks. That night they were allowed to gamble, and most of them indulged in their ruling passion to the exclusion of sleep; yet at 7 o'clock next morning they were on their way to work as cheerfully as usual.

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Though they get only 10d. a day, the rest of their wages go to their families in China, some of them, presumably the lucky gamblers, have plenty of money to spend. The captain's "boy" had just bought a 22s. watch and a 25s. ring.

They are very fond of wearing European hats. I met one who had his Chinese costume topped by a black felt hat of the shape worn by Mr. Winston Churchill. Two others had grey soft felts, of which they were comically proud.

In the part of the forest already cleared and given over to charcoal burning there were many big mounds of smoking earth. Inside these mounds the wood is heaped and allowed to smoulder for eight days; then it is taken out as charcoal. Canadian foresters have taught the "Chinks" how to pack and tend and draw the contents of the kilns, as well as the art and mystery of logging.

My respect and liking for the "Chinks," feelings I learnt long ago in British Columbia, have been deepened. These coolies are doing good work for us in this as in other directions. A number of them are skilled mechanics and carpenters, some of whom are at work in the Tank department, and 1,000 good men have gone out from the forest to take their places in the fighting ranks, relieved by the cheerful Chinese.

"CHANGED TRADE ROUTES."

The war has effected what is little short of a revolution in the trade routes of the world, though some of the alterations since the U-boats began their work will be of a temporary character. A New York financial journal states that the activity of a German submarine in the Mediterranean about September, 1915, was the fore-runner of a change in the Oriental trade route from the Mediterranean to the Pacific. "Some irregular American steamers ventured last year as far as Singapore, but the Pacific Mail, operating vessels under the American flag from San Francisco to Singapore, Calcutta and Colombo, via Manila, has developed and constantly increased the export trade, while the import cargo has grown beyond the capacity of available vessels to transport." Dutch lines (whose ships to the extent of about 800,000 tons, will now be taken over on conditions, by the Allies) formerly temporarily diverted from Suez to via San Francisco and Panama, the other Dutch lines, operating from Java to San Francisco and return, carried a large tonnage. The Japanese have been handling heavy business via Kobe.

Hongkong transhipment by Pacific Mail and Canadian Pacific steamers and Japanese liners shows a very small increase over the pre-war period, owing to the reduced operation of steamers from India and the Straits Settlements to Hongkong.

As is generally known, America is taking an increasing interest in this trade, but her activities are restricted, of course, by lack of tonnage. Still, the opportunities in Java, and Sumatra and the Straits, and India are repeatedly being emphasised, and the interesting comment is made in the journal alluded to that the "rubber trader, based on the United States' tremendous consumption, is for ever released from the indirect route." The hope is expressed that "even amid the necessity of providing ships for military transport, the American merchant fleet available for Pacific commerce, linking this nation with important sources of material in Asia, may be strengthened."

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PARADES AT BELCHERS BATTERY.

Tuesday, 16th April:—
7.30 a.m.—Right Half Company. Full drill.
6.15 p.m.—Left Half Company. Full drill.
Friday, 19th April:—
7.30 a.m.—Right Half Company. Layers' and Setters' Class only.

Orders for Engineer Company by Captain W. Russell.

12th to 19th April:—

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Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan.

PARADES.

"A" Company.

Tuesday, 16th April:—
5.30 p.m.—Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 Platoons on Polo Ground. Hongkong residents will parade at the Cricket Club at 5.10 p.m. and proceed by tram to Causeway Bay. Company drill. Dress, drill order.

"B" Company.

Tuesday, 16th April:—
5.30 p.m.—Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8 Platoons on Polo Ground. Hongkong residents will parade at Cricket Club at 5.10 p.m. and proceed by tram to Causeway Bay. Company drill. Dress, drill order.

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Tuesday, 16th April:—
7.10 a.m.—No. 3 Gun at Headquarters.
Wednesday, 17th April:—
5.10 p.m.—Drill at Headquarters, Nos. 4 and 5 Guns only.
Thursday, 18th April:—
5.10 p.m.—Drill at Headquarters. The following men only need attend:—Ptes. Field, Irvine, Labrum, A. C. D. Logan, C. R. Logan, McKerns, Pinguet and Stapleton.

MOUNTED SECTION.

Thursday, 18th April:—
5.30 p.m.—At Jockey Club Stables. Dress, drill order without rifles.

SIGNALLING SECTION.

Tuesday, 16th and Friday, 19th April:—
5.30 p.m.—Parade at Headquarters. Dress, clean fatigue.

STRETCHER BEARER SECTION.

Tuesday, 16th April:—
5.15 p.m.—Parade at Headquarters.

RECRUITS.

Friday 19th April:—
5.15 p.m.—All units except "D" Company on Murray Parade Ground, under Sergt. Edmonds and Corpl. Grimes. Dress, drill order.

Orders for Cadet Company by 2nd Lieut. J. E. W. Beard.

PARADES.

Wednesday, 17th April:—
5.15 p.m.—Nos. 3 and 4 Sections at Yaumati Football Ground. Squad drill.
5.20 p.m.—Band Practice at Headquarters.

NOTICE.

Sergeants Mess.—The quarterly meeting of the members of the Sergeants' Mess will be held in the Mess Room at 7 p.m. on Thursday, 18th inst. Every member not on duty is to attend.

G. E. STEWART,
Captain,
Adjutant, H.K. Defence Corps.

Telegraphic information has been received by Mr. M. Hardman, of the China Inland Mission, Shangai, from the War Office, to the effect that his son Lieut E. F. Hardman, was reported as missing on March 28. The message went on to state that no further details were known. Mr. E. F. Hardman, who was with Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, is an old boy of the Chefoo School. He joined Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews before the war broke out and immediately he was of military age offered his services to the Government. He left for home in April, 1916, and, after the usual training, was given a commission in the 10th Machine Gun Squad, 4th Cavalry Div. He was, before he left Shanghai, a member of "A" Co. British, S. V. C. His elder brother, Lieut. H. Beaufort Hardman, of the 3rd Cameron Highlanders, was killed in action.

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Date.	Ends.		Begins	
April 15th,	5.53	a.m.	6.54	p.m.
„ 16th,	5.52	„	6.54	„
„ 17th,	5.51	„	6.54	„
„ 18th,	5.50	„	6.54	„
„ 19th,	5.49	„	6.55	„
„ 20th,	5.48	„	6.56	„
„ 21st,	5.47	„	6.57	„
„ 22nd,	5.47	„	6.57	„
„ 23rd,	5.46	„	6.57	„
„ 24th,	5.45	„	6.57	„
„ 25th,	5.45	„	6.57	„
„ 26th,	5.44	„	6.58	„
„ 27th,	5.43	„	6.59	„
„ 28th,	5.43	„	6.59	„
„ 29th,	5.41	„	6.59	„
„ 30th,	5.41	„	6.59	„

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Hongkong, April 15, 1918.

BAROMETER—	9 A.M.	29.90
Do.	1 P.M.	29.92
Do.	4 P.M.	29.90
THERMOMETER	9 A.M.	63
Do.	1 P.M.	69
Do.	4 P.M.	69
Do.	(Wet bulb) 9 A.M.	63
Do.	(Wet bulb) 1 P.M.	64
Do.	(Wet bulb) 4 P.M.	64
Do.	Maximum	69
Do.	Minimum (over night)	61

FARES FOR PUBLIC VEHICLES.

CHAIRS.

I.—In Victoria with two Bearers.

Quarter hour	10 cents
Half hour	20 „
One hour	25 „
Three hours	50 „
Six hours	70 „
Day (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.)	$1.00

If the trip is extended beyond Victoria, half fare extra.

Between the hours of 8.30 p.m. and 6 a.m. the above fares shall be increased by 50 per centum.

II.—Beyond Victoria, with four Bearers.

Hour	0.60 cents.
Three hours	$1.00
Six hours	1.50
Day (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.)	2.00

III.—In the Hill District.

	With 2 Bearers.	*With 4 Bearers.*
Quarter hour	$0.15	$0.30
Half hour	0.20	0.40
One hour	0.30	0.60
Two hours	0.50	0.80
Three hours	0.70	1.00
Six hours	1.00	1.50
Day (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.)	1.50	2.00

RICKSHAS.

I.—In the Island of Hongkong engage in Victoria.

Ten minutes	5 cents.
Quarter hour	10 „
Half hour	15 „
One hour	20 „
Every Subsequent hour	20 „

Note.—If the ricksha be engaged within the City of Victoria, and be discharged outside the Western part of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m., or be discharged to the East of Bay View Police Station on the Eastern side of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m., an extra half fare shall be chargeable.

II.—In Kowloon.

Quarter hour	5 cents.
Half hour	15 „
Hour	20 „
Every subsequent hour	10 „

III.—Taipo Road.

Twenty cents shall be added for each extra hour or part of an hour if the hirer causes the journey to take longer than:—

To 4th mile—		
single	75 cents	1 hour.
return	$1.00	2 hours.
Beyond 4th to 6th mile—		
single	$1.20	2 hours.
return	$1.50	4 „
Beyond 6th to 9th mile—		
single	$1.75	2½ „
return	$2.00	5 „
Beyond 9th to 11th mile—		
single	$2.00	3 „
return	$2.50	7 „

Fares for journeys beyond the 11th mile to be a matter of previous arrangement in each case.

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From Clock Tower to Bay View House	12 „
From Wanchai Market to Bay View House	06 „
From Bay View House to Quarry Bay	06 „

II.—In the City of Victoria

	Not exceeding per passenger.
Quarter hour	10 cents.
Half hour	10 „
One hour	20 „
Two hours	35 „
Three „	50 „
Four „	60 „
Five „	70 „
Six „	75 „

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III.—Beyond Victoria.

	Not exceeding per passenger.
One hour	25 cents.
Two hours	45 „
Three „	60 „
Four „	75 „
Five „	85 „
Six „	90 „

One day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. $1.50

If a vehicle is discharged beyond the limits of the City of Victoria half fare extra is to be allowed for the return journey.

IV.—In Kowloon.

	Not exceeding per passenger.
Quarter hour	$ .40
Half hour	.60
One hour	.80
Two hours	1.40
Three „	2.00
Four „	2.40
Five „	2.80
Six „	3.00
One day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.	5.00

Between the hours of 8.30 p.m. and 6 a.m. the above fares shall be increased by 50 per centum.

HONGKONG REGISTER.

	Previous day at 4 p.m.	On date at 9 a.m.	On date at 1 p.m.
Barometer	29.93	30.00	29.96
Temperature	71	63	69
Humidity	55	74	68
Direction of Wind	W	ENE	E
Force	1	2	2
Weather	o	c	c
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open air Temperature on the 14th—71
Lowest open air Temperature on the 14th—63

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WEATHER REPORT.

April 15th. 12h. 25m.—Pressure has decreased considerably over N. Japan, and increased slightly elsewhere. The anticyclone remains stationary, and the depression over Manchuria yesterday has moved eastward to N. Japan. The typhoon has curved to the north-eastward and is probably situated to the S.E. of the Loochoo Is. this morning. Fresh monsoon will prevail along the China Coast, and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 3.28 inches, against an average of 8.41 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 16th April:—

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: N.E. winds, fresh; fine.

2.—Formosa Channel: The same as No. 1.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No. 1.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

APRIL 15, 1918.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind Direction.	Wind Force.	Weather.
W'ldiostock	6 a.	—	—	—	—	—	o
Memuro	5 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hakodate	„	29.75	—	—	—	0	—
Tokio	„	29.81	—	—	—	0	—
Kochi	„	29.97	—	—	NNW	1	—
Nagasaki	„	30.07	—	—	NNW	1	—
Kagoshima	„	30.00	—	—	NW	1	—
Oshima	„	29.97	—	—	N	5	—
Naha	„	29.91	—	—	NE	3	—
Ishi'jima	„	29.97	—	—	N	4	—
Bonin Island	„	29.93	—	—	—	0	—
Weihaiwei	6 a.	30.08	42	75	SSE	4	bf
Hankow	„	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ichang	„	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kiukiang	„	—	—	—	—	—	—
Changsha	„	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	„	30.18	39	97	ENE	1	b
Gutzlaff	„	30.15	48	78	N	1	b
Sharp Pk.	„	30.08	56	87	N	1	b
Amoy	„	30.04	60	76	NNE	2	o
Swatow	„	—	—	—	—	—	—
Taihoku	5 a.	30.04	55	90	E	2	o
Taichu	„	29.93	59	—	N	2	o
Tainan	„	29.91	59	—	ENE	2	o
Koshun	„	29.89	66	—	NE	6	o
Pescadores	„	29.94	64	—	NNE	8	b
Canton	6 a.	30.02	59	94	—	1	o
Hongkong	„	30.00	63	74	ENE	3	c
Gap Rock	„	29.96	—	—	E	5	o
Macao	„	29.97	64	76	N	2	b
Wuchow	8 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pakhoi	„	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hoihow	„	—	—	—	—	—	—
Phulien	7 a.	29.98	64	86	NNW	2	o
Tourane	„	29.92	68	—	NNW	6	o
C. St. James	„	29.84	77	—	E	2	o
Aparri	6 a.	29.84	73	87	NE	4	r
Dagupan	„	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	„	29.79	77	86	—	0	o
Legaspi	„	29.78	77	92	—	0	o
Tacloban	„	—	—	—	—	—	—
Iloilo	„	29.78	75	96	—	0	o
Surigao	„	29.79	79	80	—	0	d
Guam	4.20	29.84	75	—	—	0	r
Labuan	6 a.	29.80	78	95	SW	2	b

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1. BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

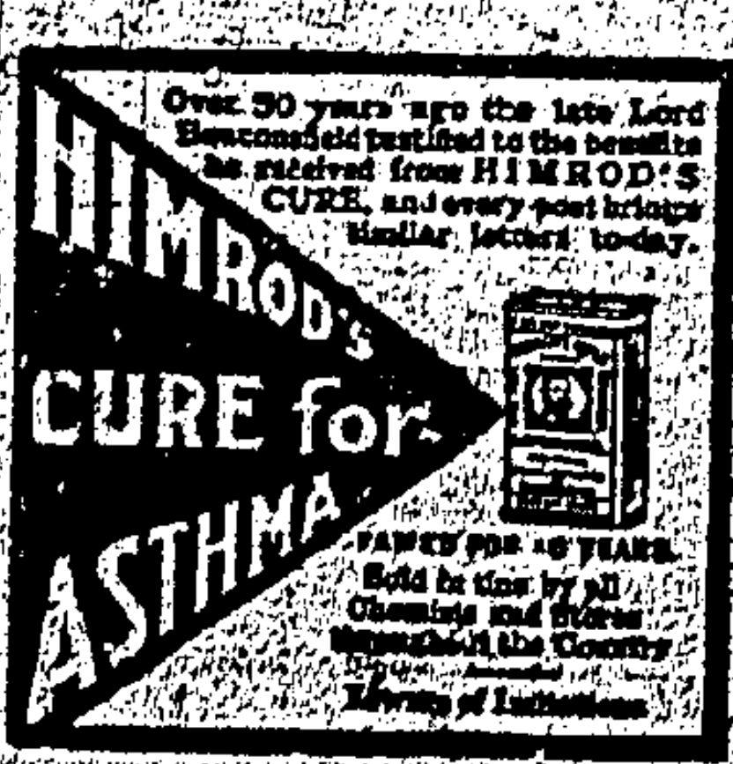
3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.

5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.

6. STATE OF WEATHER, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, l lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squall, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew, wet.

7. RAIN in inches tenths and hundredths.



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HONGKONG, MONDAY, 15TH APRIL, 1918.

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OUTWARD MAILS.

REGISTERED and PARCEL MAILS close 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated.

FOR	DATE
Amoy	*Tuesday, 16th, 8.00 A.M.
Amoy	Tuesday, 16th, 11.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Tuesday, 16th, Noon
Weihaiwei, Chefoo and Tientsin	Tuesday, 16th, 2.0 P.M.
Saigon	Tuesday, 16th, 3.00 P.M.
Haiphong	Wednesday, 17th, 9.00 A.M.
Philippine Islands, Australia, New Zealand and New Guinea via Thursday Islands	Wednesday, 17th, Registration 9.15 A.M. Letters 10.00 A.M.
Tientsin	Thursday, 18th, 11.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Friday, 19th, Noon
Philippine Islands	Friday, 19th, 2.00 P.M.
Shanghai and North China	Saturday, 20th, 2.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Keelung	Sunday, 21st, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai and North China	Tuesday, 23rd, 2.00 P.M.
Shanghai, North China, Japan via Kobe, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE via San Francisco	Wednesday, 24th, Registration 9.45 A.M. Letters 10.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy, Formosa via Takao and Anping	Thursday, 25th, 7.00 A.M.
Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE via San Francisco	Saturday, 27th, Registration 9.45 A.M. Letters 10.30 A.M.

* Superscribed correspondence only.

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

HONGKONG, 15th APRIL, 1918.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

11 A.M.

BANKS.	
Hongkong Banks	$590 n.
MARINE INSURANCE.	
Canton Ins.	$320 b
North China Ins.	T. 120 b.
Union Ins.	$800 n.
Yangtsze Ins.	$290 ex 73 b.
FIRE INSURANCES.	
China Fire Ins.	$133 b.
Hongkong Fire Ins.	$303 b.
SHIPPING.	
Douglases	$72½ b., 71 & 72 sa.
H.K. Steamboats	$22 b. & 22 sa
Indo-China (Pref.)	$32½ b.
Do. (Def.)	$150 s.
Shells	120/- n.
Star Ferries	$27½ s.
REFINERIES.	
China Sugars	$79 b.
Malabon Sugars	$31 & 29½ sa.
MINING.	
Kailan Mining Adm.	40/- b.
Langkats	T. 16½ b.
Raubs	$2.85 s.
Tronoh Mines	32 b.
Ural Caspians	15/- b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, &c.	
H. & K. Wharf	$84 n.
H. & W. Docks	$118 b.
S'hai Docks	T. 105 b.
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.	
Central Estates	$90 n.
Hongkong Hotels	$87½ b.
Hongkong Lands	$85 n.
Humphreys	$5.75 b.
Kowloon Lands	$27½ n.
West Points	$78 n.
COTTON MILLS.	
Ewo Cottons	T. 180 b.
Kung Yiks	T. 16½ n.
Shanghai Cottons	T. 141 n.
Yangtszepoos	T. 9.10 b.
Orientals	T. 45½ n.
MISCELLANEOUS.	
China-Borneos	$9 n.
China Lights	$4.15 n.
China-Providents	$7.10 b.
Dairy Farms	$20 n.
Cements	$6.90 n.
Hongkong Electrics	$19 b.
Hongkong Ices	$215 b.
Hongkong Ropes	$6½ s.
H.K. Tramways	$8 b., 8.20 s., 6.10 sa.
Peak Tramways (Old)	$7.5 s.
do. (New)	$.75 s.
Steam Laundry	$4.00 s.
Water-boats	$11 n.
Watsons	$5.50 b.
Powells	$8.00 b. & sa.
H.K. Steel Foundry	$10 n.

SINGAPORE RUBBER SHARE MARKET.

MESSRS. FRASER AND CO.'S QUOTATIONS.

SINGAPORE, March 21th.

Alor Gajah ($1)	3.35	3.75
Amal. Malay fy. pd.	2.75	3.00
Ayer Hitam ($3)	13.00	15.00
Ayer Kuning ($1)	1.00	1.10
Ayer Molek ($1)	2.00	2.15
Ayer Panas ($5)	8.10	8.25
Balgownie ($1)	5.10	5.50
Bassett ($1)	1.00	1.10
Bukit Jelotong ($1)	0.50	0.55
Bukit Katil ($1)	0.80	0.90
Bukit Timah ($10)	10.00	12.00
Bukit K. E. ($1)	0.75	0.85
Changkat S'dang ($5)	6.25	6.75
Glenealy P'ns. ($1)	1.90	2.10
Haytor ($5)	7.00	8.00
Indragiri ($5)	5.50	6.25
Jeram ($1)	1.20	1.35
Jimah ($1)	1.40	1.60
Kelamak R. ($3)	5.60	6.00
Kampas ($1)	7.25	7.50
Lunas ($5)	5.50	6.00
Malaka Pinda	2.05	2.15
Malakoff ($2)	3.80	4.10xd
Mandai-Tekong ($1)	0.60	0.70
Mergui ($5)	6.00	6.25
New Serendah ($2)	4.00	4.20
Nyalas ($5)	5.50	6.00
Pajam ($5)	11.25	12.00
Pantai ($1)	1.20	1.30
Pulau Bulang ($10)	3.75	4.00
Punggor ($1)	0.70	0.80
Radella ($5)	9.50	10.50
Sandycroft ($2)	3.00	3.50
Scudai ($5)	5.75	6.00
Sembrong ($1)	0.25	0.30
Sungei Bagar ($2)	3.15	3.40
Tambalak ($1)	0.90	1.00
Tapah ($10)	13.50	15.00
Teluk Anson ($3)	9.00	10.00
Trafalgar ($2)	1.00	1.30
Ulu Pandan ($1)	0.60	0.70
United Malacca ($1)	0.90	1.00

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, April 15, 1918.

On London—	
Bank, Wire	3/1
„ On demand	3/1⅛
„ 30 days' sight	3/1⅛
„ 4 months' sight	3/1⅜
Credits, 4 months' sight	3/2⅛
Documentary, 4 months' sight	3/2⅜
On Paris—	
On demand	421½
Credits, 4 months' sight	436
On New York—	
On demand	73⅝
Credits, 60 days' sight	—
On Bombay—	
Wire	—
On demand	nom.
On Calcutta—	
Wire	—
On demand	nom.
On Singapore—	
On demand	132½
On Manila—	
On demand	147
On Shanghai—	
On demand	nom.
30 days' sight (private paper)	—
On Yokohama—	
On demand	141½
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	42.
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	$ 6.40
Silver (per oz.)	46½d.
Bar Silver in Hongkong	4½ % nom.
Chinese Copper Cash	½ % pm.
Chinese Copper Cents	[illegible]
Rate of Native Interest	7 % p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	7½ % dis.
Hongkong Sub. Coin	par.

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1909-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 3 inches below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

April 16th to 22nd, 1918.

Day of Week.	Day of Month.	High Water Hongkong Mean Time.	High Water Height	Low Water Hongkong Mean Time.	Low Water Height
		h. m.	feet	h. m.	feet
Tues.	16	m 1 0	4.2	m 4 37	2.6
		0 5 a	5.8	5 2 0 a	2.6
Wed.	17	m 1 40	4.0	m [illegible]	3.0
		0 5 a	6.8	[illegible] 15 a	1.8
Thur.	18	No inferior	high	No low	water
		2 18 a	5.9	m 10 21 a	2.9
Fri.	19	No inferior	high	nor low	water
		4 10 a	5.6	11 24 a	2.0
Sat.	20	m 7 18	5.0	m 11 34	4.3
		5 30 a	5.9	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sun.	21	m 7 27	4.8	m 0 20	2.0
		6 29 a	5.6	0 36 a	2.7
Mon.	22	m 7 38	5.1	m 0 58	2.1
		7 30 a	5.6	2 18 a	2.1

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